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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week! As well as the Year 6s spending the week at Skern Lodge in north Devon, we've had an Autumn Walk for Reception, a football festival for our Year 5s, our Rights Respecting Schools Gold Accreditation assessment and a whole school review by two Educational Advisors from BPET, the MAT that we are joining. All of these events and experiences were extremely positive and we will pass on the reports linked to the RRS Accreditation and School Review to you when we receive them.

Reception

This week in our phonics lessons, we've been learning to recognise and say the phonemes o, c and k. We've learnt to read words by blending 'c-o-g' to say 'cog' and segmenting the sounds in 'got' to say 'g-o-t'. We've also been writing words. We've been continuing to learn the story of the Little Red Hen, using actions to help us remember the sequence of events. We each chose an animal from the story to draw and have written the animal's name and the sound it makes. Then we learnt about what a windmill does and the vocabulary associated with grinding wheat (cornflakes). And in EAD, we've been cutting and pasting 2D shapes to make a Little Red Hen.

In Maths we've learnt number rhymes such as 'Five little speckled frogs' and 'Five little men in a flying saucer', which helped us to visualise the numerals and the digits. We loved our autumnal walk around the Playing Fields yesterday morning. Thank you to all the parents who came on the walk with us.

Year 1

This week we have continued to write our own version of a family story based on Five Minutes Peace. We have also continued our addition and subtraction work in Maths and have been looking at systemic number bonds within 10, number bonds up to 10, adding together and adding more. In Art we have been painting our Van Gogh inspired clay tiles and in Music we have been working through our Charanga programme called 'Hey You'.



Year 2

Following on from our research on habitats last week, we began this week by writing back to Zog, to tell him where we think he should live now that he has left Warwick Castle. We used our knowledge about habitats to explain to him about why his body is suitably adapted for different environments. We then planned and wrote an innovation of the Zog story about Sir Gaddabout and his time at Knight School. In Maths we investigated about being safe online.

Year 3

In IT this week, we have been using 'Dance mat' typing to help us learn to touch type. In Science we have been exploring the strengths of different magnets using paper and paper clips and in Maths we have been learning written methods for subtraction and answering subtraction word problems. In our topic work we have been learning about Ancient Egyptian clothing and jewellery and designed our own necklace using key colours and patterns from our research into Ancient Egyptian designs.



Year 4

We hope you enjoyed last week's assembly. This week, we completed an independent write in the same genre of fables that we learnt at the beginning of the term and a Maths mystery booklet which has a place value focus. We then used our place value knowledge to add 1s, 10s, 100s and 1000s to a number. In Science we produced a detailed and scientific sketch of a beetle, labelling the key parts of its body and in our topic work, we had great fun creating our own 3D rainforest home out of a mix of materials. We learnt that most homes in the rainforest need to be on stilts to protect them from any flooding and poisonous spiders. We've also been exploring the effects of deforestation on the rainforests of the world.

In Art we completed an artist study of Henri Rousseau and recreated one of his pieces of artwork.

Interestingly, many of his subjects were based in the rainforest, even though he never spent much time there!



Year 5

Continuing on from the end of last week, we started to write up our descriptions of the death-dragon from the deep and its lair. We've made use of a range of adjectives and adverbs to try and paint detailed pictures in reader's minds. We've been learning about the first Viking raids into Anglo-Saxon Britain and explored the attack on Lindisfarne Monastery. We discussed the actions taken by the Vikings who attacked and considered the impact it would have had on the people living there at the time. We're really enjoying our Scratch projects and have been learning how to create, manipulate and implement sounds into them and in Science this week, we've been looking into absorbency of different papers and ascertaining which would be best suited for the job of storing greasy food. We had a lot of fun at the football festival held for us by Performance Sports on Wednesday and Mr Cook and Mrs Thomas were really proud of us. Many thanks to all the coaches.

Year 6

What can we say, we have had the most amazing week at Skern Lodge in North Devon!! We left at 7am on Monday and won't get back until 6pm this evening. We have been surfing, body boarding, completing high ropes challenges, kayaking and rafting on the River Torridge, tunnelling, tackling the assault course, whizzing down the zip wire and much, much more. It has been brilliant! Thank you so much to Mrs Rogers, Mr Griffiths, Mrs Howell and Mrs Nicholls for taking us there and looking after us all. We're all looking forward to a rest this weekend.

X Country at MECE

Congratulations to Zach, Austin, Alya, Amara, Martha, Roscoe, James H, Ethan, Josh, Pawel, YingNan, Ela, Aurelia, Thomas, Percy and Charlie, for participating in the X Country races held at MECE last Saturday. They all ran really well. A special mention to the Year 4 boys for winning their team event and to Percy for coming 3rd in that race.

New SENCO - Mrs Potter

Further to the email earlier this week about our new SENCO, Mrs Potter, who will be starting after half term, please find below a picture of her that you can share with your child.



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Dates for the Diary

Flu Immunisation catch-up	16 th October
Prospective Reception 2024 Parent Open Morning	17 th October
Harvest Festival - Grandparents & local residents Afternoon Tea	19 th October
Deadline for My Child's Art	20 th October
Half Term	23 rd - 27 th October
Heights PTFA - AGM	6 th November
Year 6 Heights & Weights	8 th November
Come and look at us work (Yrs 1-6)	9 th November - 8.45-9.15am
Prospective Reception 2024 Parent Open Morning	14 th November
Parent/Teacher consultation meetings - in person	16 th November - pm (times to be confirmed)
Parent/Teacher consultation meetings - in person	21 st November - pm (times to be confirmed)
Governors Meeting for Parents	23 rd November
Prospective Reception 2024 Parent Open Morning	5 th December
The Heights Christmas Fair	25 th November
Christmas Holidays	20 th December - 1:30pm finish

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Edwards'.

Mrs Edwards