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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have all really enjoyed celebrating Children's Mental Health Week and the build up to Chinese New Year this week. The children really took ownership of the theme, 'My Voice Matters' and we were delighted to support their request to wear their own clothes today, to celebrate how unique they all are.

Reception

We have had the most amazing week and have really loved learning about and celebrating Chinese New Year. We made dumplings, created our own dragon heads and fans and learnt a song and dragon dance and then performed this in assembly! Thank you so much to all the parents who came in and helped us learn about so many different aspects of Chinese New Year.

As well as learning all about Chinese New Year, we learnt two new digraphs, the vowel sounds 'oo', as in book and 'oo', as in zoo. We also wrote a recount about our trip to the dinosaur museum and included capital letters and full stops in our sentences. In our Maths work, we have revisited mass and weight and looked at Chinese numbers and attempted to paint them.

Year 1

After editing the writing of our diaries, we turned them into comic strips this week. In Maths we looked at subtraction using number bonds, counting back during subtraction and calculating the difference between numbers. We also began doubling numbers from 1-10. In History we learnt about different aspects of a coronation and as part of that we have made crowns, don't they look fabulous? In IT we looked at a story called Smartie the Penguin, which helped teach us how we can keep ourselves safe online.



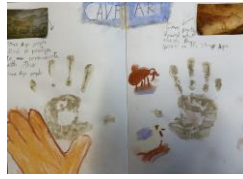
Year 2

This week, we completed a Big Write, where we wrote a setting description for Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. We also completed some reading and fluency assessments. In Maths we began our unit on multiplication and in Science, we carried out our planned experiments about whether or not soap and water is really necessary when washing our hands. We really enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year and creating lanterns by weaving paper.



Year 3

We completed an independent write this week, about the cave setting in Stone Age Boy and in Science, investigated whether we can change the shape and size of a shadow. In our topic and art lessons we enjoyed learning about cave art and showing our understanding of this in our sketch books.



Year 4

This week, we learned how to use fronted adverbials and write complex sentences, using subordinating clauses. We also learned how to write a setting description, using our book 'Escape to Pompeii' as a stimulus. In our topic and history work, we have been learning about Boudicca and her significance in British History and in Science, we have been investigating how water evaporates. We planned an experiment to see where washing will dry the quickest and also observed how long a puddle took to evaporate.



Year 5

We have been developing our oracy skills this week through debating whether the moon landings were real or not. We worked on talking calmly and clearly, listening and responding to the opinions of others, remaining polite and professional and using factual evidence to put our points forward. We're going to use this experience to write a balanced argument about whether the landings were real. In Maths we've learning about decimals and percentages and in Geography, we've been using maps to plan a journey.



Year 6

We are really enjoying our study of Light in our science lessons. This week we found out what Isaac Newton discovered about colour and how light enables us to see colours. Our RE lesson was also really interesting, as we explored the concept of eternity and investigated popular concepts of immortality. In English, we've been continuing to draft our own version of a fable inspired by Rudyard Kipling's 'Just So' stories and in Art, we've been learning about values of colour and hues.

Gift cards found

2 Smyths gift cards were found on school site. If you think that they may belong to you, please email info@theheightsprimary.co.uk with some more details of where you brought them from and how much is on them.

The Heights Easter Trail

After last year's success, the Easter Trail is back! As in previous years, there will be a trail, tombola and cake stall, but we've added a little extra activity for those who fancy a go at being creative....decorate an Egg to be in with a chance to win an Easter prize! More details to follow after half term.

If anyone would like to help (in the planning/creative stage, baking or helping on the day...we hope it will be dry this year but as a volunteer you can stay 'dry' under the gazebo (if it does rain again!) please let us know! Also, if anyone can donate an Easter Egg / chocolate for the tombola, we'd very much appreciate that. Please look out for more information after half term!

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Dates for the Diary

Half Term	12 th February - 16 th February
World Thinking Day - <i>Brownies & Cubs wear their uniform</i>	22 nd February
Year 2 Chocolate Workshop	26 th February
Year 3 Tag Rugby Festival	29 th February
World Book Day	7 th March
Year 4 Roman workshop	19 th March
Year 3 Earth Trip	19 th March
Reception - performance to parents	27 th March
Easter Holidays	28 th March (1:30pm finish)
The Heights Easter Trail	28 th March 1:30-3:30pm

I hope you all have a marvellous half term.



Mrs Edwards