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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to welcome the children back to school after the half term break and to hear all about the different things they did throughout the week.

We are really excited about the term ahead as we have so many exciting curriculum enriching activities and experiences planned, including themed days, sports festivals, trips and visits from different visiting speakers and guests. We've had to pack them all in, as the term is another short one.

Reception

Our theme and topic this week has been Construction and the Three Little Pigs. We have been discussing types of houses and drawn pictures of our homes. We have also done some Piggy Art and been writing all about pigs! In phonics, we've continued with the digraph sounds: 'oo', and 'oo' and 'ar'. The difference being 'oo' as in book and 'oo' as in zoo and 'ar' as in star. In Maths, we've been looking at building 9 and 10, as well as revising the composition of numbers up to 8.

Year 1

Our book this term is 'A River', by Marc Martin. It is about a little girl who can see a river from her window. She imagines where the river is flowing and what she will see along the way. We will be learning to write recounts and to use descriptive language to write recounts and to use descriptive language to describe what we can see, hear, smell and feel. In History we are learning about the Great Fire of London. We have and will continue to explore the 17th century and how people lived then, what buildings were made of, how the fire started and the impact this had on London. In DT, we will be building houses out of boxes and experimenting with different materials to see which ones best help join the boxes and other resources together.

Year 2

We started this half term by looking at Fair Trade. This week we investigated a variety of Fair Trade goods and discussed their origins before making banana splits - yum!! We then learnt how to write instructions for making these delicious treats, thinking about the features of this text type and tried to apply them to our own work. In Maths we have been investigating how multiplication is commutative and learning about division, first through sharing and then through grouping. In Science, we have started to look at animals and their offspring; identifying how they are the same and how they are different, depending on which animal group they belong to.

Year 3

This week we have been reading and exploring instruction writing and understanding the different features. We followed a set of instructions to make our own woolly mammoths, including learning more about adverbs and their role in instruction writing. We then appraised whether the instructions were effective. What do you think of our Mammoths? Aren't they great?! We've also been learning about Stone Age clothing and Jewellery and really enjoyed designing our own Stone Age necklace, which we're going to make next week. In Maths we've been reading amounts of money and converting pounds to pence and in Science we've been learning about UV light and how we can protect our eyes and skin from the harmful effects of the sun.



Year 4

Over the next few weeks in our English lessons, we're learning how to write effective character descriptions. We're going to start by writing them based on our class text 'Escape to Pompeii' and will then move on to writing our own about a person from Roman times: ie Boudicca or Julius Caesar. In our topic lesson, we took part in a BBC live lesson about the Romans and investigated the value of primary and secondary sources. In Science we have been learning about the water cycle and tracking how water changes its state across our planet and in Maths, we've been learning how to divide a 3-digit number by a 1-digit number.

Year 5

This week in English, we've been reading and discussing a range of space poems and then wrote our own. We re-drafted our poems until we were happy with our final piece and then performed them to the rest of the class. We had two Science lessons this week and learned about mechanisms (cogs, pulleys and levers). We then began to explore what we already know about Earth and Space. In Maths we continued our learning on decimal numbers. We ordered and compared numbers up to 3 decimal places and rounded decimal numbers to the nearest whole number.

Year 6

We completed and published our own version of a fable inspired by the Just So stories by Rudyard Kipling this week and in Art, we've been exploring the elements of figurative art, by looking at and discussing famous figurative artists and then engaging in figurative drawing. In Science we have started a new unit of learning on electricity and have been identifying scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments in the context of the major discoveries made by scientists in the field of electricity.

Creme Eggs needed to help local children's hospice!

We would like to help Alexander Devine, the local children's hospice with their Easter fundraiser: 'The Big Chick Knit'. When you do your weekly shop please can you add a creme egg or two to your trolley and bring into school next week and drop in a collection box in reception. The charity's volunteers will then put them inside a handmade knitted chick or bunny and give them back to us to sell in a few weeks at the school gates.

Thank you.

Congratulations to..

the Caversham Treants Under 9's team for getting to the Cup Final - what an amazing achievement!

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 Primary Football Festival - Wednesday 27th March 2024

<https://forms.office.com/e/LbX8zDUP74>

After the success of Performance Sports' free Christmas festival, the Heights Primary Football Festival will be £6 a head, with profits going back into the Heights PFTA, ring-fenced for sports and PE equipment.

Performance Sports have a deadline to complete the above form, of 29th February, when they will then set the bookable products up live on their website and contact interested parents directly. If you have any questions please contact annette@performance-sports.org.uk

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Dates for the Diary

Year 2 Chocolate Workshop	26 th February
Year 3 Tag Rugby Festival	29 th February
World Book Day	7 th March
Professor Bubbleworks - whole school	11 th & 12 th March
Year 3 Earth Trust	19 th March
Year 4 Roman workshop	19 th March
Reception Heights & Weights	19 th March
PS Football Festival	27 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 lovely weekend.



Mrs Edwards