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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely time together with your families over the Easter break.

It was lovely to welcome the children back on Monday and hear about what they did over the holiday. I am mindful that this is my final term at the school and plan to enjoy and cherish every minute of it, particularly the time I spend with the children!

Thank you for taking the time to visit your children in their classes from years 1-6 and looking through their books and work. We hope it was useful, particularly before the Parent Consultations.

Scarecrow Trail

I cannot wait to see all of the scarecrows again this year and what another great theme: Heroes and Villains! I love it! Wyfold Riding for the Disabled have asked if any of the scarecrows could be donated to them after the Scarecrow Trail, so that they can use them along their pony trails. All they ask is that the scarecrows are pony friendly and don't have any plastic in them that could be nibbled. Thank you so much!

Reception

We were really excited to come back to school this week, as we wanted to tell our teachers and friends all about what we'd done over the holidays. We've been busy recapping and writing our phonics sounds and practising our curl caterpillar letters. We've also been learning about Eid and how it is celebrated, including listening to Eid songs, learning dances and making paper moons and stars. We've enjoyed exploring length and height in Maths and making arrangements and are looking forward to learning all sorts of new skills in our Athletics lessons this term.

Year 1

Our theme this term is *Amazing Animals*. We are going to be linking this with our English work and will have a particular focus on using 'bossy verbs', description, adjectives and adverbs to create clear, step by step instructions for various tasks. We're going to be looking at plural words ending in s and es in phonics and exploring multiplication and division in Maths and in Geography, we're beginning a unit of work on the United Kingdom. We're looking forward to our Art and DT work, where we will be learning about Faith Ringgold's style of artwork and creating story quilts using our own stampers and scenes from events in our lives.

Year 2

Our theme this term is *Ocean Explorers* and we began the week by reading the story 'Pirates Love Underpants'. We've started to develop our written comprehension skills further by learning more about skimming and scanning to find answers in a text, by focusing on grammar rules and revising different word classes. In Maths, we've moved on to investigating 3D shapes and their properties and in Science, we've begun a unit on plants. We really enjoyed our topic lesson this week, as we completed some collaborative Rainforest Art depicting Henri Rousseau's *Tiger in a Tropical Storm*.

Year 3

We are very excited about this term's theme of *Super Structures around the world*. We started by reading the book 'Iggy Peck, Architect' altogether and discussed our likes, dislikes, questions and links to other texts. We enjoyed empathising with Miss Greer and writing short diary entries from her perspective. We also started

researching superstructures using the Chromebooks and will be using the information to create fact files about our chosen superstructures.

In Maths we've been continuing our learning about statistics and been gathering data and creating our own bar charts and in Science, we've been learning how fossils are formed over millions of years.

Year 4

This term's topic is *Awesome Asia* and as part of it, we are going to be geographers. This week, we started by looking at Google Earth and the countries that make up Asia. We're also looking at where Asia sits within our world, the major cities and their populations of this continent. In English we are exploring poetry once again and have been delving into haikus. We looked at the history of haikus and read a 17th century haiku entitled 'The Old Pond' by Matsuo Basho. We then started to write and perform our own haikus. In Art, we're undertaking an artist's study of Hokusai and started by looking at the great wave of Kanagawa.. In Maths we've been investigating coordinates and in Science we've been learning to explain what happens when additional cells are added to a circuit.

Year 5

Our new topic this term is *Meet the Greeks* and to 'kick' this off we considered and shared what we already know about the history and people of the time. We then watched a short video outlining the civilisations that existed in Ancient Greece. In our guided reading, we began our new class book, Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief and looked specifically at how we can infer what kind of book this will be, based on the cover, blurb and opening chapter. In Maths we've been looking at and interpreting data presented in different types of tables and will be moving onto our new topic of shape and in Science, we've begun our new topic: Animals, Including Humans.

Year 6

Our final topic of Year 6 is *Digital Revolution*. We have started to explore how the vast technological advancements of the last 100 years have shaped the modern world, as well as cutting edge innovations that have the potential to change our future.

This week in English, we enjoyed analysing what creates the tension and mystery and all the elements that create a spine-chilling thriller and in Maths we have been consolidating our understanding of geometry and shape; specifically measuring, classifying and calculating angles, opposing angles and angles in a triangle.

We're continuing our unit of work on electricity in Science and have begun to plan our own burglar alarms. We are going to try and apply all of the relevant knowledge we have acquired so far, to solve the problem of keeping unwanted guests out of our rooms!

Thank you

Please note the thank you letter from the Alexander Devine Charity for all the money raised with the sale of the knitted chicks.

After School Drawing Club



Sensory Garden

Many thanks to Mr Guntzenbach and Mrs D'Silva for their help in weeding and planting herbs and other plants in our sensory garden. It is really starting to take shape.

We are also delighted to welcome a blue tit family to one of our bird boxes.



Library update

Many thanks to Heather Allan for all her work reupholstering our chairs and seats in the library. Don't they look amazing! Thanks also to Michelle Nand, Anna Pazi and Cinzia Scotellaro for all their help cataloguing books.



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Dates for the Diary

Parent Consultations	23 rd April 4:45-7:25pm
Scarecrow Trail 2024	27 th April - 3 rd May
Year 5 Bikeability	w/c 29 th April
Year 4 National History Museum Trip	30 th April
The Heights PTFA Quiz Night	10 th May
The Heights 'I'm a Headteacher Get me out of Here!!'	17 th May
Year 5 Ancient Greek Day	10 th June
Year 6 Bikeability	1 st - 4 th July
KS1 Sports Day	2 nd July (am)
KS2 Sports Day	5 th July (am)
The Heights Summer Fair	6 th July

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend.

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

Mrs Edwards