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# HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Can you believe that it will be May next week? April just seems to have shot by! It is wonderful to see all the bluebells in gardens, parks and woods and I'm really hoping that the temperature climbs a little next week. We have so many different events and activities planned for the children over the coming weeks, it really is going to be a jam packed term! We've already had Volcanologists visiting Year 4 and next week the two Year 4 classes will be visiting the Natural History Museum. Year 5 have their Bikeability training throughout the week and some children from Years 3-6 will be participating in the annual Caversham Schools X-Country competition at Emmer Green. We also have the **Scarecrow Trail** and I am sooooo excited to complete it this weekend. My Father-in-law is really disappointed that he can't join my son and I this year, but I have promised to send him photos of every Scarecrow. Thank you to everyone who has spent so much time making the Scarecrows. It is a much loved annual community event.

## Reception

In Phonics this week, we continued to recap the whole of level 3, focusing on writing the sounds that are now familiar to us. We have also been writing about Spring after our walk and composed a poem together, before writing one independently using a similar structure. In Maths we have continued to explore length and height and enjoyed measuring our hands and feet and the length of our steps in small groups. We were really pleased with our water colour/pen and ink flowers and are really enjoying our PE lessons. Mrs Edwards told us that she can't wait to teach us Athletics from next week.

## Year 1

This term we will be learning about writing instructions and this week we have been identifying the features of instructions and writing our own clear instructions using imperative verbs, adverbs and adjectives. In our Geography lesson we have been learning about landmarks and features of England and really enjoyed making posters to show our learning. We have been exploring grouping into equal groups in Maths and sketching our own story quilts in Art.



## Year 2

We continued our Oceans Explorer topic by looking at the beautiful picture book 'Flotsam'. We used our inference skills to explore the main character and predicted what might happen next when he got caught in the waves. We then selected our favourite idea to write about, thinking about what a successful might look like. In

Maths we continued our work on identifying the 2D faces on a 3D shape and used this information to find the correct net to make a 3D shape. In our topic work we will be looking at different types of vehicles for a beach buggy and in Science this term we will be revisiting plants and investigating different ocean habitats and environments.

### Year 3

In our English work this week, we have been looking at the purpose and audience of newspaper reports, as well as the features and style of writing, catchy headlines and the purpose of quotations. In our topic work we have been locating superstructures nationally and internationally, using both atlases and the internet and in Science we have been investigating what is found within a soil sample.

### Year 4

We started our *Awesome Asia* topic off with a bang, with a Volcanologist workshop. It was really interesting and we used this to help us investigate how to write a report about volcanoes. As geographers we have been comparing human and physical characteristics and in Maths we have continued to investigate co-ordinates. We celebrated Earth Day in Science this week and really impressed Mrs E in our Athletics lesson when we worked on our high jumping and hurdling techniques.



### Year 5

This week we have been exploring one of Ancient Greece's most famous writers and scholars: Aesop. We learnt about the stories he wrote, how they are characterised by their animal inhabitants and morals and about the purpose of these fables. We then started to plan our own recreation of an Aesop fable. In our study of Ancient Greeks, we have been learning about the origins of the Olympic Games and have been looking at the upcoming 2024 Olympics in Paris. In Maths we have been learning to estimate and measure angles and in Science, we have been learning about gestation and exploring the different periods of gestations for a wide range of animals.

### Year 6

This week, we have continued to explore narrative elements of building tension and suspense to create an effective thriller and have begun to plan, draft, edit and publish our own thriller story. In Maths we have been exploring the geometry of circles and the net of 3D shapes and in our Science topic of Animals, we have been looking at the heart and the circulatory system, the different blood vessels and the job of red and white blood cells and platelets. In Art we have been exploring the importance of contrast in drawing and painting and how it can lead to creative choices of colour and in RE we have begun to explore the deep and broad topic of morality.

### Stonor Park Great Run X-Country

It was so wonderful to see so many Heights children and parents participate in the Stonor Park Great Run last Sunday morning. There were children of pre-school age who will be joining us in Reception in September, parents and children from every other year group participating in the different races. Huge congratulations to everyone who took part and thanks again to Rupert House School for organising this wonderful annual family event.

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**Dates for the Diary** - new or amended dates are in *italics*.

Scarecrow Trail 2024	27 <sup>th</sup> April - 3 <sup>rd</sup> May
Year 5 Bikeability	w/c 29 <sup>th</sup> April
Year 4 National History Museum Trip	30 <sup>th</sup> April
<b><i>The Heights PTFA Quiz Night</i></b>	<b><i>10<sup>th</sup> May</i></b>
The Heights 'I'm a Headteacher Get me out of Here!!'	17 <sup>th</sup> May
<b><i>Class Photos</i></b>	<b><i>23<sup>rd</sup> May</i></b>
Year 5 Ancient Greek Day	10 <sup>th</sup> June
<b><i>Year 3 Lego Workshop</i></b>	<b><i>28<sup>th</sup> June</i></b>
Year 6 Bikeability	1 <sup>st</sup> - 4 <sup>th</sup> July
KS1 Sports Day	2 <sup>nd</sup> July (am)
KS2 Sports Day	5 <sup>th</sup> July (am)
The Heights Summer Fair	6 <sup>th</sup> July

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend.



Mrs Edwards