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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a gorgeous half term together with your families. I know the weather wasn't brilliant here in Caversham, but understand that some of you managed to get away to sunnier climes.

It was wonderful, as always, to welcome the children back into school on Monday and to see and feel the excitement of those in KS2 who have either started or going to be having swimming lessons in the pop up pool. Thank you sooo much to all of you who have so kindly and generously offered up spaces on your driveways over the next 7 weeks, for staff members to park in, as a result of the loss of spaces in our car park. It is testament to the close community we are and how we are all deeply committed to doing the very best we can for all our children in so many different ways.

Congratulations to all the KS2 children who took part in the Kwik Cricket Festival at Shiplake College this morning. Many thanks to the College for hosting it and to Chris Ellison for organising it.

Reception

It was really interesting making our own binoculars out of toilet roll holders and using them to identify as many British birds as we could on the playground. In our handwriting sessions, we wrote about a British bird of our choice, as part of a booklet about British wildlife that we are working on this term. We also worked on creating a kingfisher, using tissue paper and glue to show off its beautiful colours.

We have been recapping repeating patterns in Maths and loved the Drama4All workshop on Tuesday.

Year 1

Mrs Edwards came into our classes during our Science lesson, to see us drawing around one of our friends bodies and then using the outline to label key body parts. In our Maths lessons we recapped a quarter of quantities, moved on to ordinal numbers and then started place value to 100. In Art and DT, we have continued with our mini project of creating British birds using paper mache. Now that the paper mache has dried and the birds are all painted white, we have started to paint the colouring of our birds. We also took part in a Drama workshop this week which we really enjoyed.



Year 2

In English, we have started to look at portal stories, a story that takes you on a magical journey through something. In Maths we have been revisiting subtraction and in Science we set up an experiment to find out what plants need to survive. We also had fun making our beach buggies out of recycled materials.



Year 3

We are loving our swimming lessons and are so pleased we have another two weeks of them! As well as swimming, we have been trying to extend our sentences in our writing with adverbial phrases and had to complete an arithmetic and two reasoning Maths assessments. In Geography we have been looking at ordnance survey maps and learning what some of the symbols mean and in French we are continuing to explore the story of 'The Hungry Caterpillar' or 'La Chenille qui fait des trous.'

Year 4

As part of our Awesome Asia topic, we have been discussing the Tang dynasty and where it sits on a Chinese dynasty timeline. We have been exploring and writing Tangshi poetry and written a haiku and have also been making birds, using origami, which is an ancient paper folding technique from Japan. We have been continuing to practise our times tables in Maths and are being taught rounders by Mrs Edwards in PE.

Year 5

This week we have been developing our critical thinking, debating and oracy skills as we researched more about Athens and Sparta. We made notes on what life was like in each city and wrote discussion questions and points that will allow us to argue in favour of and against living in each ancient civilisation. We have been learning songs based on the story of the Trojan War and in Science, we've been focussing on the asexual reproduction in plants, exploring the reproductive organs of flowers and discussing the pros and cons of asexual vs sexual reproduction.

Year 6

Wow - what a week! We had auditions for acting parts in The Lion King, which is going to be our end of year production and have now been allocated different roles. We are really looking forward to all the rehearsals! Those of us in Hornbeam have been having our swimming lessons, which we're enjoying and we've also been preparing for the debating competition at Rivermead Primary in a couple of weeks time. In Science we have been recognising the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way our bodies function and we have continued with our guitar lessons from Berkshire Maestros.

The Heights Donations 2024

A huge thank you to all of those parents that have donated to the school to help us fund IT equipment for the children, as well outdoor play equipment and other resources. If you have not yet donated and would like to, please feel free to login to your Parentpay account to do so.

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

Year 5 Ancient Greek Day	10 th June
Year 5 & 6 M&M productions - 'Alice in Wonderland'	13 th June
INSET Day	14 th June
Year 5 Enterprise Day	19 th June
Year 6 Cake Sale	20 th June
Year 2 Seaside & Pirate experience days	25 th & 26 th June
Year 3 Lego Workshop	28 th June
Move Up Days	1 st and 11 th July
Year 6 Bikeability	1 st - 4 th July
KS1 Sports Day	2 nd July (am)
Year 1 Beale Park Trip	4 th July
KS2 Sports Day	5 th July (am)
The Heights Summer Fair	6 th July
Reception Bucklebury Farm Trip	10 th July
Year 6 Leavers Disco	17 th July
End of Summer Term	19 th July (1:30pm finish)

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.



Mrs Edwards