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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well - we've had another pretty wild week of weather (if you'll excuse my excessive alliteration). Still, even when faced with continued rain and mud, the children crack on and make the most of every experience here at school. The Year 6's were intrigued and very keen to watch and then help me 'brush away' the large puddle on the tarmac before their Hockey lesson. A few asked, 'How are you going to brush away a puddle?' So, as with most things we do at school... I modelled it.

Reception

Following our theme of Journeys this term, we focussed on the story 'Handa's Surprise' this week. We learnt to recall the story and enjoyed tasting different fruits and writing sentences about what we liked about them. We also had fun learning to sketch different fruits and tried really hard to focus on the details of them. We've concentrated on finding the different number bonds to 5 and writing numbers to 9. We had our second PE lesson with Performance Sports, building on what we did last week.

Year 1

As part of our topic, we have been learning about the Solar System, the Sun, Mercury and Venus and have started to write our Space Booklets. We found out some really interesting information about Neil Armstrong and had great fun designing our own rockets in preparation for junk modelling next week. Maths has also been really interesting as we've focussed on weight and have been learning how to weigh things accurately using digital scales.



Year 2

After our Chocolate Workshop last week, we really enjoyed reading, learning and performing Michael Rosen's 'Chocolate Cake' poem this week. We then started to write our own poems and are looking forward to sharing them with performing them to each other. In Science, we've begun looking at healthy eating and healthy bodies. We'll be talking about making good choices and hygiene. We loved using the atlases to find out where Cacao trees grow and starting a project to create a Google Slides presentation on Chocolate.

Year 3

Over the past week, we've really enjoyed reading 'Stone Age Boy' and have started to plan our own piece of writing, thinking about the purpose, audience and intended impact. We are finding it interesting looking at survival in the Stone Age and the challenges early humans faced. We've been discovering how tools changed and developed to help enable successful hunting and will be designing our own advert for a Stone Age tool. In Science, we will be investigating if there is a correlation between arm lengths and throwing distances. Hmmm?

Year 4

This week, we began planning a retelling of the myth of Romulus and Remus and really enjoyed using acting and drama to establish the story before focussing on other forms of narrative. We've been designing mosaics in art and debugging and building resilience in Computing through block coding in code.org. In Maths, we've been finding the area of rectilinear shapes by counting the squares inside them.

Year 5

What a week! Linked to our theme of 'To Infinity and Beyond' we have been researching NASA and starting to create persuasive job descriptions for the role of Scientists. We also spent time researching the NASA Scientist Katherine Johnson and will be using this to write a biography on her. In Maths, we've been investigating measures and focussing on solving problems linked to this topic. In Science we planned and carried



out an investigation on Air Resistance, considering our independent, dependent and controlled variables. We're really enjoying exploring OS Maps in Geography and learning to recognise symbols and keys.

Year 6

This week, in English, we've focussed on our editing and Reading skills. This has included discussing how to answer explanation style questions and how to summarise in a concise manner. We've been working on area and perimeter in Maths, starting with how to calculate the area of rectilinear shapes, then parallelograms and trapeziums. In Topic, we've been looking at the wide-ranging geographical biomes of the North American Continent, learning how to identify and compare these biomes using their key features and the organisms that live in each one. In PSHE, we've been celebrating differences and learning how we can have different definitions of normal.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Parent Class Reps Meeting	Friday 17 th January 9.00am
Reception - Heights & Weights Measuring	Wednesday 22 nd January 2020
School Disco at St Andrew's Church Hall (Details to follow)	Friday 14 th February Y1&2 - 5.00-6.00pm Y3&Y4 - 6.15-7.15pm Y5&Y6 - 7.30-8.30pm
Half Term	17 th - 21 st February 2020
Book Fayre	25 th February - 3 rd March 2020
Year 2 Trip to the Living Rainforest	Monday 2 nd March 2020
Year 5 Trip to Winchester Science Centre	Tuesday 3 rd March 2020
Parent Consultations	Tuesday 10 th March Thursday 12 th March Times to be confirmed.
Year 4 Trip to Ufton Court	Monday 16 th March 2020
Living Eggs	Monday 23 rd March 2020
Year 3 Trip to the Earth Trust	Tuesday 31 st March 2020



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