

## RECEPTION

In Reception this week our topic has been 'Healthy Living'. We thought about all the ways we can stay healthy and came up with a variety of ideas including: eating healthily, exercising, brushing our teeth and getting the right amount of sleep. We looked at a variety of different foods and decided if they were healthy or unhealthy and spoke about how every food is fine if it is eaten in moderation. In Maths, we used Cheerios to practise our subtraction skills and used the subtraction and equals signs to record results. In Phonics, we recapped adjacent consonants and wrote words and captions. The boys loved our visit to the park to look for minibeasts!

## YEAR 1

Year 1 really enjoyed learning to identify and name common garden and wild plants this week. We went on a plant hunt around the school as well as playing a snap game using photos of plants. In Science, we learned about Mathew Henson's polar exploration and how he was celebrated for his achievements only decades after Robert Peary. We had a little drama in our English lessons, where, after having helped Duncan convince the crayons to return, our own chairs quit! We had to persuade them to come back and then wrote a story about all the goings on. We made sure to include a beginning (where we described the characters and setting), a middle (where we described the problem), and an end (where the problem was resolved).

## YEAR 2

We have had an especially busy week this week! In English, we continued working on putting a story into a story mountain. In Phonics, we looked at the suffixes, ful, less and ly. In Maths, we looked at 3D shapes and line symmetry. We cut out shapes to check whether they had symmetry. There were some surprises. In Humanities, we looked at the similarities and differences between Nature Parks and Game Reserves. In Science, we looked at the life cycle of a plant. The boys had a post-SATs treat of lego robotics. The boys had a wonderful time creating a fairground using lego and then making the ride move using an app on the iPad. They also enjoyed the Rosh Chodesh treat of inflatables. On Thursday they were treated to 'new' teachers. The boys from Year 5 came to teach our boys about pentominoes. They were excellent teachers and our boys learnt lots.

## YEAR 3

This week in English we planned, wrote, edited and redrafted a persuasive letter, using all the features we have learned. The boys worked really hard on these and we are very proud of their efforts. In Maths, we have been revising key topics such as column method for addition, subtraction and multiplication and bus stop method for division. We compared the Amazon Rainforest to the UK's Sherwood Forest in Humanities, looking at the key features, similarities and differences. In Science, we conducted an investigation to see if the length of a person's femur bone affects how far they can jump. We had a fantastic time on our trip to the Zoo. Thank you to the parents who came along to help!

## YEAR 4

This week, the boys learned in Maths how to translate shapes in different directions. They were able to move corners of the shape using coordinates and redraw it in its new position without rotating it. They found this new topic very enjoyable and akin to a game! In Literacy, we started our build up to our final assessed piece of writing for the year - can you believe it?! The boys looked at shipwrecks as their inspiration and really enjoyed the mysterious story of The Mary Celeste, in which a crew of 10 disappeared, leaving the boat in perfect condition with all their belongings and 6 months of food on board! Spooky! If you have not been before, then we highly recommend a day to the The Historic Dockyard in Portsmouth to continue the boys' curiosity on the topic. We look forward to their narratives next week!

## YEAR 5

What a fantastic week we've had! We celebrated Rosh Chodesh in style and had an absolute blast later in the week on the bouncy castle - so much laughter and fun! In Maths, we've been revising in preparation for Assessment Week next week. Over in English, the children have been writing brilliant biographies about famous people - full of creativity and detail! In Science, we continued exploring the fascinating world of plants, while in Geography, we dived deeper into earthquakes. The children even created their own comic strips about surviving an earthquake - imaginative and informative! To top it all off, the children became teachers for the day, confidently teaching the Year 2 class all about pentominoes. It was wonderful to see them step up as leaders! Here's to another week of fun, learning, and creativity!

## YEAR 6

This week has been full of excitement and reflection for Year 6! On Monday, 6P headed to the pool for their first swimming lesson, showing great progress and confidence in the water. We enjoyed a fantastic LEGO Robotics workshop, where the boys explored coding and engineering through hands-on challenges. Across the year group, we also began the creative process of preparing our Yearbook, capturing special memories and milestones. As the end of term approaches, the boys have been taking time to reflect on their journey through primary school - celebrating achievements, friendships, and all they've learned along the way.