

Highlights from the Desk of Mrs Shirley, Head of School

We have made it to the end of a very warm week. The children have been very resilient despite being hot and bothered. This week I have had the privilege of joining in with all sorts of lessons across school. Reception were busy challenging themselves within maths, it was lovely to see them use a range of resources to help them calculate. Year 1 were retelling a story about dancing dinosaurs, their knowledge about writing was fabulous. I know they really enjoyed showcasing their work at their Dino Museum. Year 2 are spending time writing letters to their new teachers, telling them all about their interests, likes and dislikes. I'm sure their new teachers will be thrilled to receive them. Year 3 had been invaded by monsters! The children created right angle monsters to help them on a right-angle hunt outdoors. They were able to spot some tricky imposters and explain why they were not true right angles. Year 4 were getting active with verbs in order to bring their lovely text to life. Years 5 and 6 having been focusing on celebrating differences and transitions.

The children are such a source of pride for Heathcote, I have thoroughly enjoyed experiencing such a variety of learning across school.

I hope you all have fun but stay safe in the sun

Key Dates

Wednesday 20th July—Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.15am

Thursday 21st July—Last day of term—
1.30pm finish

Return to school—Wednesday 7th September 2022

The school calendar is also available on the school website



Scribbles' Thought of the Week

'Be the person your dog thinks your are'

Your dog looks up to you, enjoys your company, forgives your blunders, and loves you dearly. He thinks you are wonderful.

Be wonderful

Celebration assembly

Well done to all the children who received a Certificate of Excellence award.

Butterflies— Kimberley

Hedgehogs— Diansh

Otters— Ryan

Kingfishers— George, Leo

Rabbits— Eva, Madhav, Alfie

Foxes—Jayden

Hazel— Dexter, Kymrhun, Andile

Maple— Clara

Cherry— Ebony, Kanav

Beech— Raajan, Gethin, Noah



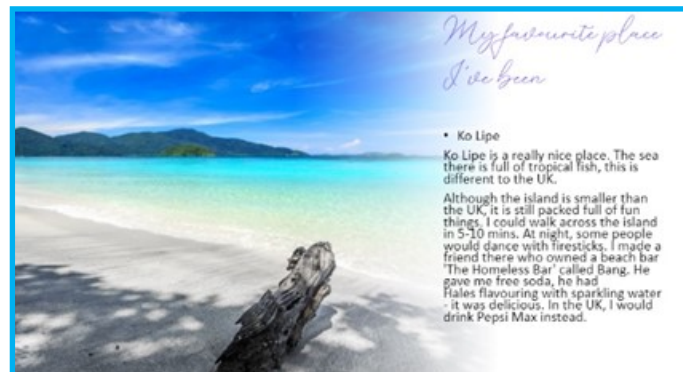
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CHERRY—Year 5

‘Celebrating Differences’ has been our focus in Year 5 this week. Following on from Mrs Shirley’s ‘Choose Kindness’ assembly on Monday, we discussed the impact of bullying on someone’s self-esteem and mental health. Mrs Ward and Mrs Worrall talked about their own past experiences, whilst the children listened attentively and asked thought-provoking questions. On Tuesday, we learnt about Autism. To try and understand the sensory overload some people with Autism experience, the children undertook an experiment whereby half the class played musical instruments LOUDLY and the rest of the pupils tried to complete a times table test. There was a mixture of reactions; some children became extremely frustrated, made unusual mistakes ($1 \times 1 = 0$) or managed to tune out the noise.

Racism was another topic Cherry Class delved into. We watched a fantastic video on The Literacy Shed called ‘Swing of Change’ and we debated whether England fans, who made racist remarks after the England versus Italy 2021 Euros match, should be banned from matches for life.

Overall, there is a consensus in Year 5 that we are ALL unique and special in our own way and no-one should be targeted for their differences. We will be continuing our journey next week by focussing on ‘What is ADHD?’ and gender equality.



Presentation slide about different cultures compared to the UK



Organising types of racism and discussing how we



Sensory overload – playing instruments whilst