Reminder: SHAKESPEARE WEEK

13th March 2020

What's on				
Monday 16th March	Tuesday 17th March	Wednesday 18th March	Thursday 19th March	Friday 20th March
Mad Science 3.15-4.15pm	Parent Consultations Theatre Train Dance Club 3.15-4.15pm Football 3.30-4.30pm	Parent Consultations Multisports 3.30- 4.30pm	GoGo Makers 3.15- 4.15pm Acrotrix Gym Club 3.15- 4.15pm	Celebration Assembly 9.10am

News from the Deputy Head Teacher

We started and ended this week taking part in Science Week lead by our science lead Mrs Parashar. Some classes focused on the theme "Our Diverse Planet", carrying out experiments and investigations looking at diversity all around us. Year 3 looked in detail at what makes us all unique. They also looked at how we can be inclusive of each other and investigated altering playground games so those who had poor eye sight or were hard of hearing could also join in. Year 2 looked at germination by growing cress in different conditions, however their experiment appears to be playing tricks on them as it doesn't seem to be matching their predictions! Year 1 also looked at differences in plants by examining their leaf size, number of petals and exploring what happens when you food colour to the water. They also had a great time exploring the woodland environment on their trip on Wednesday. Other classes enjoyed looking at the wonders of science and both Reception class had great fun observing what happens when you add a Mentos to a bottle of coke and what artwork they could create using a bag of Skittles and water. Ahijah, in Squirrels, explains what Year 4 got up to "I enjoyed finding out about the digestive system as it's a bit gross! We investigated the different stages of the digestive system, it got really messy. We also mixed grammar and science by describing the different parts of the digestive system => stinky, unexplored - can you guess what it is?".

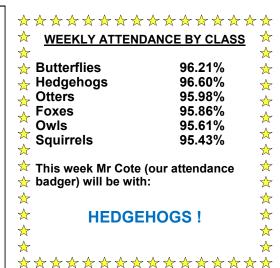
On Tuesday, Mrs Shirley introduced our "Everywhere Maths" day where we celebrated how maths can be spotted everywhere and used all around us. Hedgehogs and Butterflies linked their maths to their animal topic by creating graphs to record the number of animals they could count. Foxes also linked their day around animals using the text "The Great Pet Sale" to develop their understanding of money. Squirrels got active by using different sport activities to help them practise their times tables. Owls linked their maths to history looking at different historic number systems. "I like how we did the history with the maths, it didn't feel like maths to me at first but then I realised I needed to use my maths to solve the symbol problem. I enjoyed making up my own signs and symbols. I liked how the Mayan people only had to learn lines and dots not all the number we have to!" Tegan,

We continue to be vigilant at Heathcote and are making sure all children are regularly washing their hands properly, whilst singing along to Happy Birthday! Do remind your child to use a tissue if they sneeze or cough and to dispose of these in a bin then wash their hands. A letter and a home learner book were sent home yesterday explaining how we will continue to provide an education for your children if the Government decide schools need to be closed. If this was to happen, we will communicate this clearly to you and what will happen next. We are carrying out any advice given by The Department for Education and The Public Health Office so that everyone can stay well and healthy. If you do feel unwell remember to self-isolate and seek advice from NHS 111.

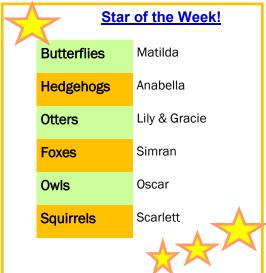
Next week we are looking forward to celebrating all things Shakespearian for Shakespeare week. Look out for Twitter posts and displays around school on what we get up to.

The future belongs to the curious. The ones who are not afraid to try it, explore it, poke at it, question it and turn it inside out.

Have a wonderful weekend, Mrs Abernethy







Spotlight on Excellence



RECEPTION

This week Butterflies and Hedgehogs have been super mathematicians, scientists and artists for British Science Week and our Maths Everywhere Day. We have created repeated patterns using skittles and then watched for changes as we added water. The change caused some brilliant pieces of art. The children also became very excited as we investigated what would happen if we added Mentos to Coca Cola. "It was like a volcano erupting into the air!"







YEAR 1

This week, in Otters we enjoyed a really successful trip to Ryton Pools Country Park. We were very lucky with the weather and managed to be outside all day with no rain. During the morning we worked in teams to make dens from logs, sticks, leaves and tarp. We had to make sure they were waterproof. After this, we had lunch and were able to play in the play area. During the afternoon, we made magical fairy wands and took a trip to a magical fairy woodland area where we saw tiny fair houses a gardens! We had such an amazing time and we hope to go back again in the future!





Friends of Heathcote



You can see what the 'Friends' are up to by liking us on Facebook, www.facebook.com/ groupsfriendsofheathcote/ or contact us by email: 'friendsofheathcoteps@gmail.com

Thank you again for all your continued support. If you want to get a bit more involved please come to our next meeting at 7.30pm at Heathcote Inn on 16th Match.

Academic Year 2020

W/C 16th March Shakespeare Week

Tuesday 17th March Parent Consultation

Wednesday 18th March Parent Consultation

Friday 27th March Year 2 Maths Workshop

2pm

Thursday 2nd April KS1 Spring Play 9.30am

and 5.30pm

Friday 3rd April No Teacher Training—

children in school

Friday 3rd April Easter Tea Party 2-4pm

(Friends) - POSTPONED

6th April—17th April Easter Holiday

Friday 8th May May Bank Holiday

25th May—29th May Half Term Holiday

Monday 1st June Teacher Training Day

Friday 19th June Teacher Training Day

Friday 17th July End of Term

These dates may be subject to change if necessary, changes are made in red and bold

School Term and Holiday Dates 2019/2020 are available on the school website

PARENT CONSULTATION APPOINTMENTS

Tuesday 17th March 3.30pm—6pm Wednesday 18th March 4pm—6.30pm