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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week which included a bear hunt in Foxes Forest for our Reception children; a trip to the Novium Museum for Year 1/2 and a performance of Sleeping Beauty for the whole school. I know that the office have been asked for dates relating to all things Christmassy in school, we are just putting the final touches together and we will issue this next week.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

A huge thank you to our Year 6 children for their hard work in selling poppies since the beginning of this half term. Once we have a figure of the amount of money raised we shall share this with you. Miss Wright's class assembly this week reflected on the importance of Remembrance Sunday and we held a 2 minutes silence on Friday. This Sunday, a number of our pupils will be representing the school and laying a wreath at the Remembrance Service at Portsmouth Guildhall. I am honoured to be supporting this event with the children.



E-BOOKS (Year 5/6)

Our school believes reading good books is important and we want to let you know about an exciting development. As well as the many excellent "real" books available to enjoy from school, our Year 5 and 6 pupils will now be offered free access to a library of e-Books as well. The e-Book library will aim to promote reading for pleasure by providing a broad range of fiction and some leisure non-fiction for each pupil to choose and read independently. Please look out for the letters being sent out this week for more information.

COLLECTION FROM CLUBS

Now that it is getting dark so early could we respectfully request that, if your child is staying late for a club after school, he/she is collected by an adult rather than walking home alone. We appreciate your support in this matter.



What Learning is Happening Next Week?

YEAR R

The children had such a lovely time stomping through the forest looking for bears. Although we didn't find a real bear we discovered a baby bear hidden in the trees which we have taken back to school. This week we have made him a bear cave in our classroom to be his home. Each day the bear helps us with our learning by writing letters and giving us ideas of things to make to make our classroom more bear friendly. Next week we will be painting bear portraits to stop our baby bear from feeling lonely and learning about the different features bears have and what these are used for. Our phonics sounds will be **H, B, F** and **L**, and our new key words will be **the** and **into**. Thank you for all your support with phonics at home. We can really see how much the children are benefitting.

YEAR 1/2

This week our children have had an amazing time on their trip to the Novium Museum. From the moment we left, the excitement began just because we were getting on the coach! The excitement then continued to increase because at the museum they all had the opportunity to train to become a real astronaut just like Tim Peake!

The children learnt about the lack of gravity on space by taking part in a exciting experiment involving a ping pong ball, a hairdryer and a net! They learnt about the special badges on a spacesuit and had the

opportunity to each dress up in a real astronaut costume. A fun day had by all! Thank you to all the adults who offered to help us on both days, your help was greatly appreciated.

YEAR 3/4

In maths, we will be using all the skills we have learnt in our work on subtraction and addition to solve missing number problems and number problems that require using the inverse operation. In English, we will be using George's Marvellous Medicine as inspiration to plan and begin to write our own narrative texts that involve punishing an evil character. In creative curriculum, we will be learning about medicines from the Tudor period in preparation for our school trip the following week.



YEAR 5/6

Next week we will compare and order fractions whose denominators are all multiples of the same number. Then we will identify, name and write equivalent fractions. In reading children will be revisiting their inference skills as we move onto chapter three of Goodnight Mr Tom. The children are really enjoying the book! In writing we will be learning how to use apostrophes for possession and contraction; later in the week we will be planning a narrative set in Portsmouth during the Blitz.

LITERACY BOX APPEAL

This month our School Council will be asking for your support in raising funds for a local charity; Literacy in a Box. This is a change to previous charity support we have provided in the past at this time of year. A representative came to our school to talk about how the charity raises funds to buy boxes that they fill with a wide range of educational resources as requested by Primary School teachers in Manila. It costs £325 to fill a box with enough educational resources for a class of Primary School children which will last them a whole year. Next week the School council will write a section in our newsletter, letting you know their plans!

Best Class Attendance week commencing 30th October 2017
Miss Wright 100%

Golden Book Entries	
Shay (Yr 5 FW)	For amazing independent writing using description and the passing of time
Lenny (Yr 3 AM)	For persisting and succeeding in using formal methods when subtracting 3 digit numbers
James (Yr 6 SG)	For working really hard to improve his handwriting
Nancy (Yr 3 AM)	For working independently to solve a range of maths problems

Diary Dates – Please see website for further details	
Monday 13 th November	Inset Day – Parent/Teacher consultations
Thursday 16 th November	Yr 5/6 LB Class Assembly
Mon 20 th Tues 21 st and Wed 22 nd Nov	Yr 3/4 trip to Mary Rose Museum
Thursday 23 rd Nov	Yr 2 LJ Assembly

Thank you,

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