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Friday 24th May 2024,

Dear Parents, Pupils, Staff, Governors and Friends of the school,
Another exciting week here. The staff all went back to school on Wednesday for a day of maths lessons! A little bit challenging for all of us to be on the other side of the whiteboard for a day. It will mean that we can really improve our maths development and encourage children to think deeply. More information on this to follow.

Have a wonderful half term – remember there is no school on Monday 3rd.

First day back of our final half term is Tuesday 4th June.

Tamsin Smyth

<p>Puffins</p> 	<p>Puffins have been writing postcards this week and thinking about what we should try and include and how we want to make our readers feel. We have also been learning about counting in twos efficiently, so that we can count groups of two and how many twos there are altogether. They have been building shapes and using shapes to make art prints. There has been some exciting building projects going on in the outdoor area, which was lots of fun to watch!</p>
<p>Owls</p> 	<p>We have had a wonderful week of learning this week. We had a science day on Tuesday and used magnifying glasses to dissect different beans and identify their parts. We cut up cucumbers, took the seeds out and have put them in wet paper on a sunny windowsill. We are hoping these will germinate so we can grow our own! We have found out about how plants are suited to their habitats and about their life cycles. Then we visited the allotment. Our Radishes are growing well, and we identified other plants and flowers. In maths we have used apparatus to show increasingly big numbers and have drawn and interpreted graphs. Owls should be so proud of their hard work this term. There's no half term homework but please continue to read each day and complete a holiday diary if you want to. Have a lovely break.</p>
<p>Doves</p> 	<p>A brilliant final week in Doves class: in maths year 3s learnt about perimeter, and year 4s were looking at area. In English we performed scenarios based on The Iron Man. We also continued to write our flash fiction entries for our school competition (winners will be published in some form!) In history/art we made clay sculptures of oracle and dragon bones, similar to those made in Bronze age China (ask your children to find out more about this fascinating part of history). Lots of year 4s are averaging 21/22/23 out of 25 in their times table checks, so please can they practise over the breaks? All children have English booklets, I'd like them all back on Tuesday 4th June when we return to school, but that is technically optional. Can every child also bring in a favourite poem of theirs after the break (printed, copied out or memorised.) Enjoy the break!</p>
<p>Kingfishers</p> 	<p>In this short week, we managed to finish our short stories about a secret, inspired by <i>Hope Hunter</i> by Joseph Coelho. They are currently on display, and we hope to share and read the brilliant selection of stories in class next term. We will also be writing poems based on 'significant objects'. Please can you find a (small) object to bring to school that means a lot to you– for example, a shell, book, marble, tin – for a class museum. Robin Hood will be the summer play and we are excited to be casting parts very soon! All the Kingfishers will go on a science trip on Tuesday 11th June, so please return your contributions and permission slips as soon as possible. Enjoy a well-deserved rest after all your hard work!</p>
<p>Dates for your diary</p>	<p>Event</p>
<p>Tuesday 4th June</p>	<p>Summer 2nd half starts</p>

Living life in all its fullness.

Tuesday 11 th June	Kingfisher morning visit to Oxford University Museum of Natural History
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School Streets Trial

From Tuesday 4 June, Vicarage Road will be closed to traffic at these times:
8am to 9am & 2.30pm to 3.30pm.

Morning and After School Club bills

These were sent home today and are due to be paid by 14 June. Thank you.

School lunches

There is a new menu on Parentpay with lots of exciting new dishes.