



Dear Parents/ Carers,

In line with the general theme of the Summer term, we have had a very busy week. We started the week with a buzz, learning all about bees on humanities day! The children began the day by thinking about why bees are important before collecting data on how many bees we could find in my Cotswold country garden (we watched a video) compared to our school field. They then worked to present this data using bar charts and discussed differences, trying to think of possible explanations for this. In the afternoon we were visited by Brian Durk, a bee keeper, who brought his bees along with him as well as various other artefacts to look at. The children were all really interested to learn from this expert and asked lots of great questions. Later on in the week, we had class photos and finished the week with Miss Unia day, our boat trip was a huge success. This was a really lovely way to remember Miss Unia and celebrate her life.

We have continued our focus on geometry in maths. We began with a focus on triangles, recapping how we can classify triangles by either their sides or by their angles. Ask your child if they can tell you what different groups triangles are commonly sorted into and if you spot any triangles when you are out and about ask them to identify it. Later on we moved on to explore the concept of symmetry. The children worked to find symmetry in nature, looking at photographs of things we can find in the environment around us and having a go at drawing on lines of symmetry.

Literacy began this week on humanities day when we read and explored a newspaper report about the need to protect bees and what we can do to help them. The children discussed both the content and layout of this report, creating a list of key features of newspaper reports, including: sub-headings, a headline, columns, answering the 5W's and quotations. Once familiar with the features of reports, the children had a debate as to why fewer women play football than men with our upcoming World Cup, we have also done a class sweepstake. I have been really impressed by the level of engagement they have shown in this. We will continue with and finish these off next week.

Important notices:

1. Our trip to Hill End is quickly approaching. If you have not already, please make sure the letters for Hill End are returned as soon as possible along with the payment for this trip. If you or your child has any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. The dates for the trip are the 25th and 26th June.
2. On Wednesday 20th June (next week) many of the children are going to the festival of voices, whilst all the remaining children are going to the Roman workshop at Cheney school. If you have not yet returned the slip and

contribution for the Roman workshop and your child is not going to the festival of voices, please do so as quickly as possible. ALL children will need a packed lunch on Wednesday.

As always, if you have any concerns or queries please send me an email.

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Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Betty Cranham

Important dates:

Monday 11th June - Humanities day

- Wednesday 20th June- Festival of Voices and Roman Workshop
- 25th - 26th June Y4 to Hill End
- Thursday 5th July International Evening
- Sports Morning KS2 Friday 6th July
- 17th July Shuffle Up morning

* Key Stage 2 Production of the Lion King Wednesday 18th July at 1.30 p.m. Thursday 19th July at 6.00 p.m. (please note, we are not putting on a Thursday afternoon performance this year)