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Dear Parents,

I am excited to be able to tell you that Mrs Bull had her baby just before the half term break - a baby boy called Jack who arrived weighing 8lbs and 6.5oz. Both Jack and Mrs Bull are doing well (on limited sleep I understand!!!!) I am sure you would want to join with me passing on our many congratulations.

The first week back at school is always an exciting one. The new themes for the term are launched and the children enthused! Pupils in Year 5 & 6 launched their theme of **Is there an end to space?** by going on a trip to The Observatory in Herstmonceaux in Sussex. The children have described their experience as 'cool' 'brilliant' and 'awesome' on the whole! The teachers report the visit was great day out and that the children particularly enjoyed interacting with the different displays and talking to the scientists at the observatory about space.

The pupils in Years 3& 4 launched their theme of **Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age** by following Stone Age recipes to make bread and making jewellery based on Stone Age models. Although the children did not use teeth or bones, they used terracotta clay!

In Years 1 & 2 the children have launched their theme of **Who lived in a castle?** by designing and building their own castles! Great fun has been had by all. The children in Reception are learning about **Chinese New Year** at the moment. They had a 'Chinese Dragon' dance lesson taught by Mrs Chown. The children were taught to dance underneath their Chinese Dragon they had made - it looked like they had a great time. I am sure there will be photographs on the school website shortly!

Pupils in Year 5 had a visit on Thursday from a poet who is working with a project called 'Up on the Downs'. She worked with children in Year 5 to help them write poems. She shared some of her own poems with the children and then took them outside to write similes about objects around the school. They then used these similes to write their own poems. The poems the children wrote were excellent. We will publish some on the reverse of the newsletter next week. They will be published in a book in the near future and presented to the children involved.

I hope you have managed to return your parents evening slip by now - if not please do so ASAP as I know appointments are getting booked up!

On the reverse of this newsletter is the curriculum overview for your child for this term.

Have a good weekend,

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