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Dear Parents and Carers,

It always fills me with pride and delight to read about and see the pictures in this newsletter of Stogursey children so absorbed in their learning. It matches with what I see in classes. This week, I saw Triscombe children so highly engaged in their provision, playing in the Antarctic research station and some children were role playing with Antarctic animals in their small world. Others were absorbed doing some art challenges. I am so made up for Alfoxton gaining their class treat and it is well deserved. Every time I pop in pre-school there is something interesting to look at and I saw the children this week playing with a jungle small world. Finally, it has been great to see Beacon class 'full steam ahead' with calculations involving decimals. I have taken a few visitors around the school this week and it has certainly made me proud to be the Head of our wonderful school.

Kind Regards

Gary Tucker
Headteacher

Beacon

Beacon class have had a very busy week tackling decimal numbers and additive and multiplicative relationships. They have worked hard to write, edit and publish a diary entry. They have worked really hard on peer editing each other's work and they have been really supportive with one another.

They have put their scientific knowledge to the test and conducted a science investigation based on insulators and thermal conductors and which material would work best to keep my coffee cup warm! A very important investigation!



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Alfoxton

This week in Alfoxton Class we have learned lots of new things, but our main news is that we have achieved six gold stars for superb behaviour, politeness, and attitude to learning. This means we have earned a treat! We held a class vote and decided we would like to celebrate our achievement by having a pyjama and film afternoon. Miss Day will send an email and letter home soon to confirm when this will take place.

In English, we have been preparing to write an information text about rivers. We have learned how to use a variety of conjunctions and about past, present and future tense verbs, so our writing will be superb as well as informative! Our English links nicely to our Geography learning as we are finding out about how rivers are formed. We have been thinking about the River Parrett which runs through Bridgwater. We found out that it is tidal, which means the water level rises and falls as the tide comes in and out.

In RE, we are beginning to learn about Mary, from the Christian stories. This week, we have learned about the different symbols used to represent her. We didn't realise there were so many symbols to represent her! We compared these symbols to those used in Hinduism too. We thought about the similarities and differences between how the religious deities and important people have been represented over time.

In Maths, we began a new unit of learning which is all about measure. We had a great time finding different objects around our classroom that are greater or smaller than one metre. We began by estimating and then moved on to measuring with accuracy.

At the very end of last week, the whole school participated in fundraising for Children in Need. We raised over £60 by coming to school in non-uniform which is fantastic! We took some photos of ourselves creating paper collage Pudsey Bear pictures. This linked to our Art learning as we first expressed opinions of the artwork created by Ed Fairburn and Robin Brooks, both of whom are collage artists. It was so much fun to explore the use of tissue paper to create a fun image to represent a good cause!



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Triscombe

Our book this half term is Lost and found. We predicted what we thought the story would be about and were very surprised to found out what it really is about. In the story a boy found a penguin on his doorstep and we explored the different feelings he could have. We also thought of the questions we could ask with a focus on question marks.

The sunflower seeds we planted last half term have begun to grow (much to Miss M's surprise). Mrs Cross has been so kind to make sure they are watered and turned on a regular basis. We wonder whose will be the tallest!



Preschool

This week we have been looking at desert animals and their habitat. We explored our desert tray full of animals and desert plants such as cacti.

We used our fingers to make paint marks on desert pictures, counted camels and matched animal shadows to their corresponding animal. For phonics this week, we have been reading the book I say Ooh, you say ahh, which the children have really enjoyed. They have had to remember lots of instructions for different words during the story, which has encouraged lots of good listening, concentration and co-ordination!

We have also been learning another one of our Nativity songs 'Baby Jesus'.



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Reading Corner

How lovely it was to hear from Luca who borrowed a book from our school library and read it at home in two days! He came to school buzzing with excitement and ready to share his recommendations to read this book titled, 'The Sister Who Ate Her Brothers'. It sounds pretty gory but Luca explained, "There are lots of stories from different countries. Some are pages long and some are just one page. Some are a bit scary, like the story of a girl who could take her head off and put it back on again! But they are all really good! Everyone should read this book!" So, look out for this book in the library if you like the sound of it. If you can't find it, you could always ask our wonderful librarians where to find it.



Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated to Children in Need this year. We raised £60.50!



Christmas Dinner

Please can parents and carers ensure you have ordered your child/children's Christmas Meal by **11.00pm on Saturday 7th December**. If your child does not want to have a Christmas meal, please provide your child with a packed lunch.



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Important Dates

Friday 22nd November:

Wednesday 27th November:

Wednesday 11th December:

Thursday 12th December:

Wednesday 18th December:

Friday 20th December:

Friday 20th December:

Monday 6th January 2025:

Tuesday 7th January 2025:

Monday 17th – Friday 21st February:

Inset Day

Reception Vision Screening at 11.00am

Christmas Dinner **(please ensure you have registered with our HSM app)**

Christmas Jumper Day

Nativity at the Church 6.00pm-7.00pm

Christingle at the Church 2.00pm

Last Day of Term

Inset Day

First Day Back

Half Term

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