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Hello Everyone,

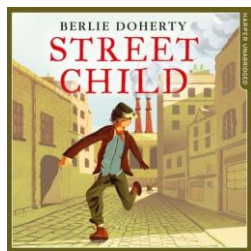
### Beacon

Wow! What a jam-packed week for Beacon Class! From super-fun science lessons to starting the Archbishop of York Award, to auditioning for roles in the Summer Play pupils are buzzing with excitement!

“Oh! we’ve been doing really fun stuff like our new history of art topic,” explained Lenny, “Where, we learned about early art and did a cave man drawing ourselves.” One child in year 5 said their highlight this week was starting a new book, ‘Street Child,’ by Berlie Doherty, which is a tale of an orphan boy in Victorian London who is sent to the workhouse.

“It’s quite a sad and emotional book,” commented Georgie, “It’s written in a way that makes you feel very sorry for the fictional characters, I hope Jim is alright in the end.”

Finlay’s highlight of the week was auditioning for the school play, **Pirates of the Curry Bean**, which promises to be a comical adventure! Finlay said “Auditioning was very fun and exciting, and I’m very happy that I got the role I wanted”. Some children chose to take various roles back stage like: helping with props, display and the computer. “I auditioned for Mr Wally and I got the part!” beamed Lenny.



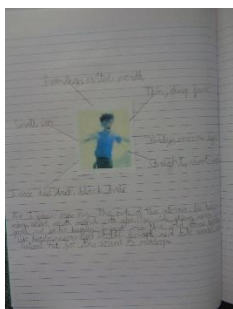
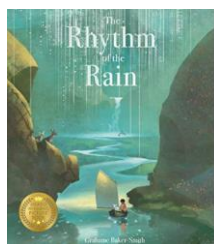
### Alfoxton

Children in Alfoxton became scientists this week and planned an experiment to see which material will conduct or insulate electricity. We discovered that water is a conductor of electricity and that electricity can be dangerous.

Our understanding of rivers continues in Geography as we are discovering how rivers start. The term for the starting point of a river is **source**. We have discovered three types of source. Our challenge is to try and remember what they are.

In Maths we are taking our end of unit assessments for perimeter and will be starting fractions next week. The class have enjoyed measuring and finding the perimeter of shapes. Oscar said, “I really like it when we do exchange but perimeter is my favourite thing I’ve done.”

English has focused on Show Not Tell, which is trying to say how someone is feeling without using the word but by describing their facial expressions. Charlotte is enjoying new class book, ‘Rhythm of the Rain,’ by Grahame Baker-Smith which celebrates water cycles and captures the movement of water from the tiniest raindrop to the deepest ocean, across the earth. “We have only just started it but it’s about a boy called Isaac who plays in his favourite pool by a mountainside. I love reading,” said Charlotte.



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## Triscombe

Today in Triscombe, we had Hector the Tortoise come to visit! Did you know that tortoises do not have ears? And that they hear through vibrations? "Wow!!!" said Thabin, "He's cute!!" said Luke. The children asked lots of interesting questions and learned that if you want to keep a tortoise in this country, they must come with a birth certificate to prove he or she been looked after very well. Drew asked a very interesting question, "What's the difference between a turtle and tortoise? Max answered, "One swims in water, the other does not." All agreed that turtles LOVE water and come out of the water to lay their eggs, and that tortoises are partial to a sprinkle of water but must NEVER be submerged in water. As well as welcoming Hector the Tortoise, Year 2s have been working very hard on their SATS preparation. Children have also been using their book, 'The Storm Whale,' to imagine they are the main character Noi and tell an animal story with help from some cuddly toy animals. Every child chose a cuddly animal and told an animal story. Year 1s and Reception continued with phonics. In Maths, Reception have been concentrating on numbers that are doubles. Year 1 and 2 have also been looking at length, height and measure. Such a busy week!



## Adverturers

Popping Peppers! This week Beacon continued their Mexican theme by cooking Fajita's from scratch. Fruits and vegetables were chopped into pieces and sliced by the children with some top tips on the best way to prepare them from Mrs Payne. Cooking with meat this week, the children learned how important food hygiene is and what practical steps they can take to be safe in the kitchen, for example: washing hands after handling raw meat and keeping raw meat and veg separate during preparation. We are immensely proud of the cooking children undertake at school; how it helps children to explore different cultures, recipes, equipment and ingredients AND allows food to be tried in an often-new way, with great success! THANK YOU to the staff and parent volunteers who work so hard to make this happen!

On Monday afternoon Alfoxton Class visited Stolford Beach to look at erosion and how the land has been protected using sea defences. Despite the weather we managed to draw the view and walk along the beach to examine the structures in place. The children enjoyed looking for shells and unusual stones. We picked up different types of seaweed and, fortunately, there wasn't a great deal of litter on the beach. Alfoxton discovered sea defences and enjoyed examining the house defences too. There was a huge long wall made of natural materials like: dirt, pebbles and gravel which was made some time ago with the help of parents from our school. The children looked at how the sea had eroded its structure over time.



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## **Swimming – Year R/1/2/3**

Everybody was excited start to the 10-week swimming programme at Quantock Lodge this week. “We had fun on the coach - I liked it when they decided which group we were going in because I liked doing back-stroke and front crawl. I got to swim in the shallow end but next week I’ll be swimming in the deep end,” smiled Harry B. Also have super news! This term, Quantock Lodge have offered us an hour’s swim, extending the usual half hour session for no extra charge! This will be so beneficial for all the children- THANK YOU to our friends at the Quantock Lodge! A gentle reminder that payment for swimming will need to be made by the end of the 10-week swimming programme. Please as always, if you are experiencing any financial difficulties, are worried about sibling costs or have concerns at all, please contact Mr Tucker or fill out a discreet form on the link below and we will be happy to help.

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## **New School Governors**

School Governors, as part of the Local Governance Committee are responsible for overseeing the strategic direction of the school, for holding the Head Teacher to account, as well as financial responsibilities. We welcome Suzanne Powell, Jodie Burghes and Elizabeth Moorsom. We wish them the best of luck in their new job roles.

## **Important Dates**

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May:	Bank Holiday
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May:	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May:	KS2 SATS Week
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May:	School Group Picture
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May:	Half Term
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June:	First day back
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June:	Sports for Schools Event (More details to follow)
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July:	Sports Day (weather permitting)
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July:	Leavers Church Service 2.00-3.00pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July:	End of school year



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