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Hello Everyone,

Triscombe

This week Triscombe completed their learning about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole and started a new unit, Spring. The children explored a new poem together called 'Out and About' and planted pumpkin seeds. Following an introduction, Triscombe went for a Spring Walk around the village looking for evidence and signs of Spring. The children loved looking for signs of Spring including daffodils and pansies in bloom and catkins on the silver birch trees, and were especially excited by a large flock of birds hiding in a bay tree bush. On the walk, the children enjoyed spotting key points around the village such as the post office, corner shop, café, church and well. Photos were taken to put on the working wall map in the classroom. "We saw signs of Spring, there were new leaves, and buds on the trees. We heard singing birds. It was nice to walk around the village with my friends," said Callum.



Alfoxton

In science this week, Alfoxton are planning another experiment, looking at pitch and what affects it. The experiment should tell us how and why pitch changes and we are excited to continue our enquiries into sound. In Maths we are starting a new topic, length and perimeter and the Year 3s have already started measuring various items in class. We are learning to write a diary in English and are going to take inspiration from our class book 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane' and write as if we are Edward.



Beacon

Beacon class have been learning about Red Nose Day, what the charity does and how it helps people living in poverty across the world, and had lots of fun designing their own Red Noses. On Red Nose Day itself, all children are invited to either wear something red, or make red hats in school, to help raise funds for this worthy cause. This week the Beacon have also been thinking about different types of volcanoes, their shape and tectonic plates, creating maps to show where they are. In Science, Beacon have been looking at gears and levers, and experimented with Miss Dunwood's bicycle to understand how the gears and levers work. "We also watched some videos to show us how gears help you, and another showed us the difference gears make to a bike going up a hill," said Elijah. "I've learned that bikes can have over 10, even 21 gears and how they work," said Olivia.

Inspired by 'The Last Bear' by Hannah Gold, Beacon have been researching places to send their own stories, including schools, hospitals and care home in the UK and abroad. Now that the children have compiled who to

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contact and how, they are ready to send their stories! "Our stories are about environmental issues said Olivia, and of 'The Last Bear,' which initiated the venture said, "So far it's been a really good book, one of the best."

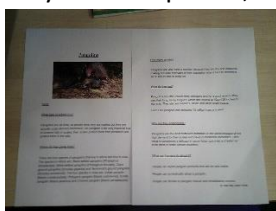


Adventurers

Beacon researched endangered animals, and how humans can help save them. India looked at Pangolins, "I learnt that they are the only mammals with scales and that their scales are made from the same material that our hair and nails are made from", said India.

Following the Chinese theme, Alfoxton continued to fine tune their culinary skills by making a tasty chow-mein this week. As children will be making and cooking Chinese dumplings next Monday, please remember to send your children in with a small tub so they can take their cooking home, as we sadly have no more spare tubs in school.

Triscombe continue to make moving moving toys this week and added wheels to their designs – which include some very creative planes, cars and monsters.



Thank you

Our thanks to the staff team and volunteers who worked incredibly hard in challenging circumstances to keep the school open, and to ensure that there was no disruption to the children's education, throughout the industrial action this week.

Welcome

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Susan Amatiello has accepted the role of Class Teacher for Triscombe. Mrs Amatiello brings a wealth of experience to the role, is from the village and most recently has been working in Triscombe as long-term supply. The children are already very fond of Mrs A and we look forward to welcoming Mrs Amatiello as a permanent addition to the team.

Easter Church Service

On Friday 31st March, we will be hosting our annual Easter Service at St Andrew's Church 14.00-15.00, everyone welcome.

Can you help?

Farm Visit - Can you spare a couple of hours next Tuesday afternoon from 12.30? Adventurers are looking for volunteers to help with our walk to a local farm on 21st March. If you are able to help, we would be very grateful for your support, please contact Miss Dunwood.



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Reading volunteers – We are looking for parents, carers, grandparents or friends of the school to help with hearing children read in all classes at various times throughout the week. If you are interested or know anybody who might be, please speak to Miss Day or contact the office.

Important Dates

Tuesday 21 st March:	Late Parents Evening (Beacon and Alfoxton only)
Tuesday 21 st March:	Beacon Adventurers Farm Visit
Wednesday 22 nd March:	Short Parents Evening (Beacon and Alfoxton only)
Friday 24 th March:	Easter Tombola and Non-School Uniform
Monday 27 th March:	Beacon Charity Cake Sale
Wednesday 29 th March:	Easter Bingo
Wednesday 29 th March:	Triscombe Parents Evening
Thursday 30 th March:	Easter Egg Hunt
Thursday 30 th March:	Triscombe Parents Evening
Friday 31 st March:	Easter Church Service
Friday 31 st March:	End of Term
Monday 3 rd April-Friday 14 th April:	Easter Half Term
Monday 17 th April:	First day back

Have a great weekend!



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