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Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading is at the very heart of everything we do at school, and this week, I had the pleasure of hearing children read across different year groups. It was a real joy to listen to their growing confidence, fluency, and enthusiasm as they tackled new words and explored exciting stories. Whether reading aloud in class, delving into books during independent time, or sharing stories with friends, it's clear that a love of reading is thriving within our school.

It has also been fantastic to see reading embedded across lessons, with children using texts to spark curiosity, support their learning, and develop their comprehension skills. Our well-stocked library continues to be a wonderful space for children to discover new books, and it's been lovely to see them making the most of it—choosing stories that interest them, revisiting favourites, and exploring new genres.

Encouraging a lifelong love of reading is one of the most valuable gifts we can give our children. Whether at school or home, every moment spent with a book is an opportunity to expand their world, develop their imagination, and build essential skills for the future.

Thank you for your continued support in fostering a reading culture both in school and beyond.

Warm Regards

Gary Tucker  
Headteacher

## Beacon

Beacon class have been extending their learning on our book, The Dam and have continued to build multi-clausal sentences with expanded noun-phrases, fronted adverbials and also using semi-colons! They have also had fun applying these skills to some creative writing of their own. The Year 5s are continuing to work really hard on their Maths with Mr Tucker and I am hearing fantastic things and Year 6 have been working so hard on embedding their knowledge of division by a 2-digit number, although it is very tricky. They are using their resilience and digging deep. Thank you also to the parent community for helping to support your child with their homework; this extension of their learning is extremely valuable.

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## Alfoxton

This week we have been learning even more about Vikings in History, using inverted commas for speech in our English work, testing different coloured overlays on our periscopes in Science, creating awesome moves in Dance and becoming masters of addition and subtraction in Maths - gosh, we have been busy!

In RE we have been thinking about the miracles Jesus performed (as written in the Bible). It made us think about how many people have experienced miracles, whether we have experienced any, and whether people really believe that all the miracles were recorded accurately. We have learned in our History studies that the Anglo-Saxon Chronicles said that Vikings raided with fire-breathing dragons flying overhead! We wondered about the accuracy of historical stories and how additions might have come about over time. After considering our own beliefs, we reflected on the morals of well-known stories and what we can learn from them. We discovered that many of Jesus' miracles teach us about kindness and having faith in ourselves and one another. It was quite interesting!



## Triscombe

This week in Triscombe Class, the children have been busy exploring a variety of exciting topics! In English, they created their very own dinosaur haikus, showing off their creativity and understanding of this traditional Japanese poetry form. In Maths, the children have been learning about odd and even numbers, developing a deeper understanding of number patterns and relationships.

In Science, our young learners dove into the fascinating world of insects, discovering key facts about these tiny creatures. This topic was further explored during busy learning, where the children eagerly investigated the characteristics and behaviours of different insects. In Art, they used their knowledge of primary colours and colour mixing to create vibrant prints of flowers and fruit, showcasing their artistic flair. A particular highlight of the week has been the children's enthusiasm for the trajectory maths area, where they've been engaging in hands-on activities to explore movement and angles. It's been a wonderful, action-packed week of learning for everyone!



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## Preschool

This week we have started our new topic....dinosaurs. We started our topic by learning some different dinosaurs names! We all agreed some names are very difficult to pronounce for example Parasaurolophus but some are a little easier e.g Stegosaurus! We looked at similarities of dinosaurs, some have plates on their backs, spikes on their tails and very large claws and sharp teeth!

We have also celebrated the beginning of the Chinese New Year, which this year, is the year of the snake.

The children have watched a short video clip explaining about Chinese New Year, made collage lanterns and used their scissor skills to cut a spiral snake. At snack time they tried some Chinese food and enjoyed a fortune cookie. We also looked to see what each of the children's names would look like, written in Chinese symbols and what the meaning of their names were. At the end of the day, they took home their own lucky red wallet containing a chocolate coin!



## Important Dates

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February:

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March:

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April-Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April:

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April:

Half Term

Inset Day

Easter Holidays

Bank Holiday

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