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Dear Parents and Carers,

How the weather has turned! One minute it is freezing, then it is mild before returning back to cold times! It hasn't dampened our spirits though. It has been wonderful to see the children already preparing for our Nativity play at the church on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. This year's is a little different as we wanted to include the pre-school children. Some of the songs are aimed at very young children but we do have some traditional carols mixed in as well. I hope to see you at the church for this and the Christingle on the last day of term. With the preparations in the background, the children remain committed to their learning and completing their units of work before the festivities begin.

Kind Regards

Gary Tucker  
Headteacher

## Beacon

Beacon class have been busy looking at the skills of relative clauses and punctuating speech this week in English. They have used their own ideas to move the story forward and be creative. In Maths, they have been looking deeper in the powers of 10 and how this relationship translates to decimals with tenths and hundredths. As always, I am very proud of the way they work and their dedication to their learning. They have also enjoyed being a Roman town planner and making electrical circuits. They are still so proud of their Attendance Allegator Achievement.



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## Alfoxton

Last week was so exciting as our last Maths lesson of the week was taken over by an unexpected, but VERY welcome visitor - Mel, the Hermann tortoise! She belongs to Miss Millar, who kindly popped her into class to say hello! We all enjoyed cuddling her (as much as one can cuddle a tortoise), and learning about her diet and lifestyle. Take a look at our lovely photos of Mel as she joined us for Maths (we were, and are, learning about measuring in centimetres, metres and millimetres).

In Art, we have produced some lovely collages of the River Parrett. These are inspired by Robin Brooks' collages which are formed from thin layers of paper and tissue paper. We have learned how to overlap colours to make darker shades and produce new colours - it's quite different to mixing colour with paint! Photos of these will be available in next week's newsletter.

In English, we have written a leaflet informing people of the importance of water. We used an example text which explains how important plants and trees are, then we modified it to write our own leaflets. Next week, we will illustrate them so they are appealing to readers before we share them with Beacon and Triscombe Class. Our writing has been supported by the learning we have achieved in Geography: we have learned about the different parts of rivers and where some of the most famous rivers in Britain are. We thought we would create a collage of the River Parrett as it is the closest river to us and so, the most relevant.

In Science, we have learned about friction. Our experiment this week was so fun: we rolled toy cars down ramps made of different materials to test how they affected the vehicle's speed - ask us what we found out! The scientific enquiry we used was 'fair testing'. To ensure we had tested fairly, we conducted the same experiment three times and took the average result as our final findings. We do love experimenting in Science! We can't wait until next week when we begin to explore the force of magnetism!



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## Triscombe

This week, Triscombe Class have been continuing to read the book *Lost and Found*. The children enjoyed taking part in some hot seating, pretending to be the boy in the story. The other children then had to ask questions to the boy about how he found a penguin.

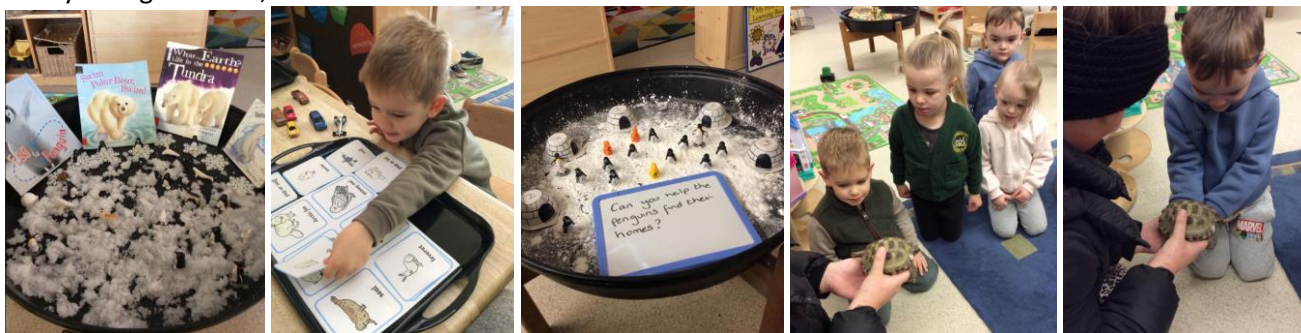
Reception have been continuing numbers to 6 then making the number and writing it.



## Preschool

This week we have been learning about the Arctic and the different animals which live there. We have had two different tough trays to investigate, with two different textures of snow to explore. The first tray was full of different artic animals and our second tray was a maths activity where the children had to help the penguins find their homes by matching the numbered penguins to their corresponding numbered igloos. We have matched baby animals to their larger mothers and role played with Arctic animal masks. We have read 'Swim polar bear, swim', 'Egg to penguin' and 'What on earth? Life in the Tundra' to find out more about life in the Arctic and we have practiced our pen control by marking a route from the penguin to his igloo and the polar bear to his glacier.

I have also included some photos of Mel, who we met last week whilst we were learning about the Desert. Ashley kindly brought in Mel, one of her tortoises for the children to meet!



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## Attendance Matters

Many thanks for your support with the new drive for punctuality. There has been a renewed effort to ensure that children arrive before 8.55am when learning starts. Next week, we will start to send out the final letters for Autumn Term and we have a new punctuality letter that will also be included as there are still some children coming in past 8.55am. We hope this will be seen as a supportive measure along with the other letters regarding attendance. National thresholds changed recently and we outlined this at the start of the year. If you have any questions please talk to our attendance lead Mr Tucker.

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS



## Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated to the Polly Appeal this year. We raised an impressive £94.53!



## Christmas Dinner

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



## Important Dates

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December:

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December:

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December:

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December:

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**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025:**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025:

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

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

Christmas Jumper Day

Nativity at the Church 6.00pm-7.00pm (Children to arrive at 5.30pm)

Christingle at the Church 2.00pm

Last Day of Term

**Inset Day**

First Day Back

Half Term

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