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Dear Parents and Carers,

Although the frosty mornings remind us it's still winter, the energy and warmth around school have been truly uplifting this week. I hope your festive season was filled with moments of joy, relaxation, and time spent with loved ones.

As the new term begins, I've had the pleasure of touring classrooms and witnessing our children re-establishing routines, building relationships with one another and with staff, and embracing their learning with enthusiasm. It's been lovely to see creativity and movement across the school, with dancing, collaboration, and focused hard work all part of the mix!

A very warm welcome to Mrs Caitlin Boxell our new Triscombe class teacher. I am sure our community will make her feel welcome I her new role.

As we embark on the term ahead, let's continue to foster this positivity and dedication, working together to ensure every child thrives. Here's to a successful and rewarding start to 2025!

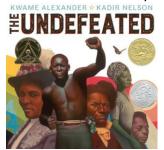
Kind Regards

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Gary Tucker Headteacher

Beacon

A happy New Year to everybody. It has been super to have all the Beacon children back this week ready for a purposeful and busy term ahead. We have started our poetry unit on The Undefeated and the children have been so engaged with the learning and how powerful this poem is. They have been so inquisitive and compassionate with their questions and comments. Please do ask them about it. For Maths, we have started to split the Year 5s and Year 6s. Mr Tucker is taking the Year 5s for their Maths sessions and I have heard that they have been doing brilliantly. I have been so impressed with the Year 6s and their attitude to their long multiplication. So much progress already! Our topic work is covering mountains, earthquakes and volcanoes and the study of the artist Danny Osborne. A fantastic start to the year!



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<u>Alfoxton</u>

It has been a lovely start to the spring term in Alfoxton Class. We are really excited to be learning about Vikings. This week we sequenced a timeline and learned that the Vikings travelled from Scandinavian countries to parts of Scotland, England and Wales where they traded, fought, and took over some parts of the land.

In English, we are reading Arthur and the Golden Rope, which features Viking gods like Thor. Arthur needs to call Thor for help to save the townspeople from an evil wolf called Fenrir (son of the evil god Loki). We think it is really exciting so far! We can't wait to read it all.



<u>Triscombe</u>

What a fantastic week we have had in Triscombe! The children have returned to school with a fantastic attitude to their learning and have been working really hard. They have adapted to the new changes and made the adults in the classroom really proud. The children have learned about the different animal groups in Science and what an archaeologist is in Geography. I have been really please with their 'Busy Learning'. They have worked well together in construction- coming up with ideas on how to make a house. We think a highlight of their week has been the Jurassic World Role Play.



Preschool

This week in Preschool we have been settling back in after the Christmas holidays. We have invited and welcomed new children into our preschool who have also settled in well.

We have been learning about Winter and the weather outside.

Preschool have explored various tuff trays filled with different things such as flour, ice, penguins etc.

When exploring the ice tray the children had to use various tools to try and break the ice to retrieve the animals out . Preschool have also explored shaving foam through write dance on the table. The children really enjoy this activity and thoroughly enjoy covering Ashley in the shaving foam.

What a fantastic week back into Preschool!



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<u>Toys</u>

We have noticed recently that children are bringing into school items from home again. This has included toys and collectables such as Pokémon cards. Please ensure your child does not bring these items to school under any circumstance. Children are becoming upset if they mislay them or they get broken and it is detracting from the main purpose of school and that is learning. Please check your child's bag when they come to school as some are doing this without parents knowing.

If you wish to bring something in to enhance the curriculum, then your first port of call is the class teacher. If it is agreed, then the teacher will take care of it, locking it away and bringing out for the specific part of the school day. School is for learning and toys are for home.

Many thanks for your cooperation on this matter.



Important Dates Thursday 16th January: Monday 17th – Friday 21st February: Friday 14th March: Monday 7th April-Friday 18th April: Monday 21st April:

Whole school Wessex Water talk Half Term Inset Day Easter Holidays Inset Day

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