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Welcome back to another half term at Stogursey! I hope you are all well-rested and ready for the term ahead. Aside from the disruption cause by Storm Ciaran, I have found this week to be very exciting in Stogursey as I have toured the classes. I was honoured to have been chosen by Triscombe as 'Godparent' to Baby Andrew Jesus (whom they named!) as part of their learning on Baptism. It is so lovely to see how Triscombe are engaging actively in such exciting learning that is an important part of the church foundation of our school. I did pop in to see the work on the lanterns for the fireworks and parade kindly organised by FOSS. It was nice to see the whole school working together so well on this. During the storm, I enjoyed taking Beacon class as we read about the Battle of Hastings and learned about the main characters, events and dates involved. There was such enthusiasm in the Pre-school this week for a mysterious cardboard boat that had appeared. Everyone seemed to be having a great time, learning through play about it. Finally, I enjoyed talking this week with Alfoxton about their new Geography learning about Kenya. That is very topical as the King and Queen are currently on tour there!

G Tucker

Gary Tucker
Executive Head



Beacon

This week, in English, Beacon Class have begun their journey as fiction writing authors. By Christmas, each pupil will have published their very own fictional story which they'd like to share with the rest of the school. "We hope we can read our stories to the other classes." said Beacon Class pupils.

The stories will link to our learning theme of The Universe with journeys to far away worlds and strange characters and of course, a naughty character who likes to tell lies (like in Frank Cottrell Boyce's Cosmic novel).

In Maths, pupils are working on addition and subtraction. We use bar models to break down more complex multi-step word problems. These models help us to see the Maths with more ease, enabling us to solve problems like these with a greater degree of accuracy.

In Art, we will be constructing our own stencils of planets and cosmic objects similar to those in Chesley Bonestell's work. The stencils will be used on our stellar backgrounds which pupils created before the half-term break.

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Alfoxton

What a week we have had. The children have all enjoyed their half term break and have come back eager to learn. They had a great day creating lanterns for the parade on Friday. They enjoyed working with other classes and children to create the willow frames with lights attached and later on added the paper tissue shell to complete the effect. We have started our new topic in Geography which is to compare the geographical features of a non-European country with the United Kingdom. The first lesson, they found the continent of Africa and the country Kenya. We are looking forward to finding out more about this country and continent.



Triscombe

Triscombe Class have had a very exciting time this week. On Wednesday, we had a special visitor when Reverend Alison joined us to talk about baptism as part of our RE topic. Revd. Alison explained what baptism means to Christians, and performed a mock baptism for one of the class baby dolls. She explained about the importance of the special clothes that people wear for baptism, and the symbolism of light and water. The children were fascinated as Revd. Alison described each stage of the baptism. The children were invited to choose a name for the baby. After some discussion, they chose the name Andrew Jesus. The children also chose two god parents to help look after baby Andrew Jesus: Mr Tucker and Miss Day. At the end of the ceremony, Andrew Jesus was given a candle and a baptism certificate, which we will display in the classroom. The children enjoyed taking turns to hold Andrew Jesus, wrapped in his special christening shawl.



Adventurers

For the past 2 weeks, Alfoxton have been learning to make short crust pastry. This week, in small groups they had to follow the recipe themselves to make the pastry. They also picked apple from the school orchard and created apple pies using the pastry they made.

Please can we ask that children bring in a small air tight container to bring their cooking home?

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Wraparound

Due to the weather this week the children have enjoyed a variety of indoor activities. These have been board games, film evening, colouring activities and some sports games. They really liked the apple and blackberry pie, which was made with the apples Alfoxton picked.

Reading Corner

This week, Beacon Class are bringing in their favourite teddies to read to during their reading time on Friday.

"I'm going to bring in my Jellycat bunny called Raspberry!" announced Casey.

"I've got a special elephant I will bring in. I also have a Jellycat elephant!" Said India.

Every week, Beacon Class celebrate reading in a different way. Pupils came up with the idea during the week and are so excited to share their favourite stories with their favourite teddies.

Miss Day is going to bring in a teddy from her favourite film - The Lion King. We can't wait! Photos to follow!



Important Dates

Thursday 9th November:

Friday 10th November:

Monday 13th November- Friday 17th November:

Tuesday 14th November:

Wednesday 15th November:

Thursday 16th November:

Friday 17th November:

Friday 8th December:

Friday 15th December:

Friday 15th December:

Wednesday 3rd January:

FOSS Fireworks gates open at 6.00pm

Flu Vaccinations

Anti-bullying week

Parents Evening (long)

Parents Evening (short)

School picture day (siblings and individuals) 8.30am-9.00am

Inset Day

Christmas Jumper Day

Christingle at the church at 2.00pm

Last day of term

First day back

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