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At the time of writing, it is Harvest Festival at the church and this promises to be a great opportunity to bring the community together as our work on ‘thankfulness’ ends for the half term. I am so thankful for the great start everyone in our school community has made and the continuation of the arrangements from last year to support Spaxton School. The headteacher there has started to return following maternity leave with the intention of a full return by early December. This means I will be back exclusively as Headteacher of Stogursey School very soon. I want to thank staff, parents, children, governors and the Trust for their flexibility, patience and understanding during what has been an interesting and challenging task, as well as an example of the power of academies in supporting school to school. However, it will be lovely to focus solely on Stogursey School alongside our dedicated staff team, as we strive to deliver high quality education within our village school setting that achieves the best possible outcomes for every child.

Next half term, we will be exploring the Christian value of ‘Respect’ and so I look forward to seeing how this progress.

Gary Tucker
Executive Head

Beacon

This week we celebrate Harvest Festival at St Andrew’s Church. In preparation for this, we have been working on a presentation all about harvest celebrations around the world. We partnered up and researched a different country in our pairs. We learned about how harvest is celebrated in our countries and wrote short speeches. We have practiced our reading voices which needed to be loud, clear and not too fast. We hope everyone enjoyed hearing about the different countries as much as we enjoyed learning about them!

Also, we created some artwork for the Harvest Festival. We used our knowledge of painting techniques to create a printed backing of copper and black. Next, we drew our own fruit and vegetable stencils and carefully cut them out. We all had fun stenciling the fruit and vegetables over the top of our copper and black backing. To finish it off, we cut letters from newspapers and magazines to label our stenciled foods – they look amazing! We are going to display them in school for all to see before we take them home.



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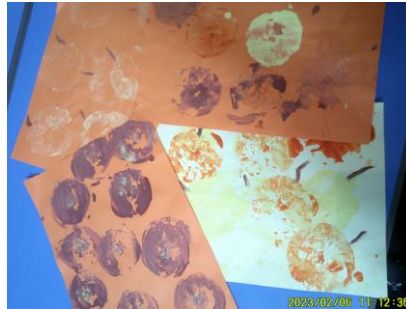
Alfoxton

This week in Alfoxton class we have been planning our own defeat the monster story. We have been selecting amazing vocabulary to use along with planning which features we will use; expanded noun phrases, similes and simple or compound sentences. We cannot wait to start writing these next week. In history we have continued our visit to the Tudor period. We have seen a street as it would have looked in the 1500s and realised how different things were compared to now. (pupil voice?) We are looking forward to the Harvest celebration this afternoon and have been working hard on our fruit and vegetable collage and poem.



Triscombe

This week Triscombe Class went into our orchard to pick apples and collect leaves. The children had a great time picking the best ones to do printing. The children enjoyed painting the apples and leaves and arranging them to make pretty patterns.



Adventurers

This week was Alfoxton's turn to cook. The topic for the next 3 weeks is pastry. On Monday, the children made shortcrust pastry and then created mini cheese quiches. They learnt the rubbing in method, which is an important part of making pastry, then they grated the cheese to create the quiche.

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Happiness Clubs

In breakfast club, the children have enjoyed a variety of breakfasts, this has included toast, cereals and croissants with a variety of spreads.

After school club enjoyed a games evening. The children and staff played Ludo, Chess, Dobble and Pick Up Sticks. Mrs Payne only just beat Eugene at Pick Up Sticks and Max was very competitive at Ludo.



Reading Corner

Here are Beacon enjoying their free reading time on a Friday! They all loved reading picture books, magazines or novels in groups, pairs or individually. If you have any good books or children's magazines/comics at home that you no longer want, please think of us and consider donating them for our special reading time on Fridays! Thank you and have a lovely weekend!



House Captains

Last week the Year 6 children were invited to write a speech to become our new House Captains of 2023/2024! The children stood up in front of the whole school to give their speeches. Each child across the whole school was given one single vote and they had to pick who they would want for each House. So, a massive congratulations to our new House Captains, Octavia for Farah, Lenny for Murray and India for Criddle. Well done to you all!



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Celebration Assembly

Every Friday afternoon, we hold our Celebration Assembly in the hall. This time gives us the opportunity to recognise our students in their academic, social and emotional growth and achievements over the week. We welcome all parents/carers to join us at 3.00pm. We look forward to seeing you there!



Important Dates

Friday 20th October:

Monday 23rd October-Friday 27^h October:

Monday 30th October:

Tuesday 31st October:

Friday 10th November:

Monday 13th November- Friday 17th November:

Tuesday 14th November:

Wednesday 15th November:

Thursday 16th November:

Friday 8th December:

Last day of term

Half Term

First day back

FOSS Lantern Making

Flu Vaccinations

Anti-bullying week

Parents Evening (long)

Parents Evening (short)

School picture day (siblings and individuals)

Christmas Jumper Day

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