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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to this week's edition of the newsletter. At the time of writing, it is still cold and very foggy but great things continue to happen in our school. I am pleased to say that our fencing should be installed in February and we will regain our playground back. Having the front car park being used as a playground has not been ideal but everyone has adapted so well in the interim.

We have temporarily welcomed Miss Dunwood back to Adventurers whilst Mrs Payne does interventions. Miss Dunwood is working with Beacon at first on recipes important to the Sikh faith. This goes nicely with our RE unit all about the Sikh community.

Kind Regards

Gary Tucker  
Headteacher

## **Beacon**

Beacon class have wowed me this week with their own poems based on The Undefeated by Kwame Alexander. Some real thought, concern and feeling went into their own versions of this, along with some beautifully produced work. The quality of work has really gone up a notch already this year. I am really proud of them. The Year 6s have mastered the art of long multiplication and their speed of recall is definitely improving.

Can I remind everyone of the importance of reading at home 5 times a week and recording this in their reading journals. All research points to the effectiveness that reading regularly has on a child's education and ability to learn. I will be checking reading journals each week.

Also, Year 6s have brought home extra homework. Homework will always be linked to learning completed in school and is there to enhance knowledge and help learning stick. This is due in on a Wednesday.



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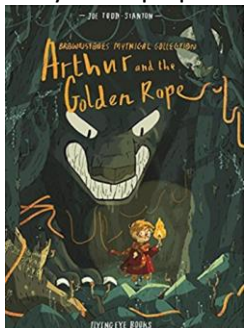
## Alfoxton

This week we have learned so many interesting things from Viking raids in the past, to how to keep our local drainage system working well!

Did you know that there was a Viking raid on Lindisfarne Monastery on June the 8<sup>th</sup> in the year 793AD? We learned that lots of Monks were killed by the ferocious Viking raiders who stole gold during the raid! A special record, called the Anglo-Saxon Chronicles were kept by the Monks, and other people at the time, who could read and write. This is how we know about the raid today. We learned that the Vikings left their Scandinavian countries because of the harsh conditions. They travelled in Longboats until they arrived here and eventually settled. We even acted out the raid on Lindisfarne Monastery with some of us pretending to be the Vikings whilst others were the Monks!

Our Viking theme continues into English and Art. We have been practising our Viking art skills, drawing intertwining patterns that overlap in an Oseberg style of art. This style gets its name from patterns found on artifacts at a ship burial called the Oseberg Ship burial. We learned to shade our drawings where the overlapping piece would cast a shadow. We did this by pressing harder or more gently without pencils.

In English, we finished reading Arthur and the Golden Rope. Now we are developing our skills for writing descriptive paragraphs by using really ambitious adjectives to describe a character in the story called Fenrir. Fenrir is a colossal wolf who attacks Arthur's town. Fenrir is the son of the God, Loki. Next, we will pretend to be Arthur and act out the story to help us write a diary in role as Arthur. We are really loving our work on Vikings!



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## Triscombe

What an amazing week we have had in Triscombe class! It has been great working with the children to write fact files about a chosen dinosaur. They have found fantastic facts about dinosaurs and it has been lovely seeing them enthusiastic about their learning.

In Science, we went on a minibeast hunt around the grounds. The children were amazing at finding lots of minibeasts in their microhabitats.

The children have also been working hard in phonics and the staff have been really proud of their reading- especially those who have been reading at home.



## Preschool

This week, in Preschool we have been exploring! We have made natural ice blocks with things we found on the field. The children have enjoyed going on a welly walk around the village. The children absolutely loved this and got very muddy jumping in puddles. We have made biscuits and also learned more about Winter. We have done some shadow matching in which the children were absolutely amazing at!



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## Adventurers

Mr Tucker has been enjoying working with Triscombe this week on finally cutting out pieces of wood in Adventurers to put together our bird houses. Mr Tucker was so pleased to see Triscombe children remembering their sawing techniques from last term and the pictures below show the children concentrating and trying to cut straight. Next week, we focus on filing and sanding to get nice straight edges.

In a few weeks' time, Triscombe will put on their first ever musical performance in Friday assembly. More details nearer the time. Your child will need a dark t-shirt preferably a black one. It can have branding on it



## 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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