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Hello Everyone,

BEACON CLASS

This week has been an exciting week for Beacon Class. Pupils had the opportunity to partake in a three-day creative, environmental project provided by the Quantock Landscape Partnership Scheme, funded by the National Lottery. During the three days, Beacon Class brought their creative minds to life: being inspired by nature both in the local environment and worldwide - with a specific focus on Africa.

During day one, pupils learnt some African songs and how to say phrases in multiple languages. This was followed by an inspirational video about marine life and the impact of plastic waste. Pupils created poems to reflect the feelings of marine life affected by such issues.

Day two was very hands-on: creating collage artwork representing the value of nature. Pupils included inspirational and descriptive vocabulary to enhance their artwork.

Finally, on day three, Beacon Class were very lucky to have the opportunity to explore the local woodland around Holford/Nether Stowey. We were very thankful for the free transportation provided by the partnership team which meant we could all go for a lovely stroll and picnic next to a tranquil stream. During the visit, pupils reflected on the sounds of nature, the way in which the serene environment can relieve stress and offer a peaceful place to unwind. Pupils collected descriptive language which came to mind whilst listening to the sounds of nature which they used to create a beautiful piece of poetry.

Each child chose their favourite tree and explored the textures, sounds and shapes presented by the organic masterpieces!

At the end of the day, we all enjoyed a game of woodland hide-and-seek followed by juice and biscuits! During the hide-and-seek game, we even stumbled upon a bird's nest full of beautiful babies! What a fab day!

Kaylum added, "I liked walking round and seeing everything, the Quantock Hills are good for exploring. We did a massive game of hide-and-seek, I enjoyed it."

Beacon Class will now use their work to create an anthology of poetry and artwork which you will be invited to enjoy in the near future - watch this space!



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Alfoxton

In our computing lesson we have been looking at flowcharts and how to use them in computer programming. From our flowcharts we created programs which included using the 'Timer' command. It was great fun coding a program to make rabbits disappear and reappear on a stage, then writing code for a magician to walk off the stage then come back later. One of our challenges was to debug a program for 'Monkey' who had made errors in his coding. We had to find the errors, correct them and then test the program to see if it ran correctly.

Jasper found it tricky, "It was hard, I couldn't get the background right or the pictures...I feel good about it though because I tried really hard and I nearly got there now I will get it right in the end."

Brooke enjoyed the challenge of doing the 'long write' about different rivers. "It was a challenge which I enjoyed because you had to think about everything about rivers and about what you would write next in that sentence. After I completed it, I felt really excited because I'd done it."



Triscombe

It was lovely to see the children back in school and hear about how they spent their half term holidays!

The children have been learning Little Red Riding Hood this week, ready to use the story in their writing. The children are enjoying retelling the story, and have created actions to go with the words.

We have carried on the Little Red Riding Hood theme into the home corner, where the children created a picnic using Little Red Riding Hood's basket of food.

In maths, Year 1 have been learning about multiplication and division. Year 2 have been revisiting and consolidating some of their learning from earlier on the year. We have also started to talk about telling the time, in preparation for their next unit of work. This is a subject that benefits from practical, real-world learning. The children are very keen to learn, so any support you can give them at home would be really helpful. Reception have been learning about the composition of numbers, as well as practising odds and evens and doubling through practical activities.

We are all looking forward to continuing to take our learning outside in the lovely weather as we begin our new topic on journeys.



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Little Acorns Pre-School

This week we have dug out our favourite book 'Supertato' which encourages us to explore healthy eating whilst looking at fruits and vegetables. Apples and plums are growing on our fruit trees, and we have cleared our allotment of weeds and planted our tomato plants – a great opportunity to talk about changes around us and the life cycle of plants. The sun is shining, and we are enjoying being outdoors.



Adventurers

Lilly-Jane's highlight of the week was when Beacon class experimented with electrical circuits, "We were trying a new subject to make a burglar alarm and I got mine to work. It made me feel really happy... I learnt how electricity works and how it makes the light come on."

It's Middle Eastern cookery for Alfoxton and children were busy practising their knife skills, chopping garlic and onion into small pieces. Drained chickpeas were mashed and herbs and spices added to the pan to make fabulous falafels. "Cooking is fun, we get to make new things, explained Alfred. Next week children will be making houmous - please remember to bring tubs so your children can take their cooking home.

Triscombe class are learning about features of the landscape in adventures this week, in particular bodies of water such as rivers and streams and also landforms such as volcanos, mountains and valleys. Next week children will be undertaking a water filtration experiment using a small plastic bottle and different materials such as pebbles, sand and gravel to identify different ways to improve their filter.

Our NEW Staff Member

We are thrilled to welcome FLASH, our newest member at Stogursey School, who's duties include coming in from time to time to work with the children, regular strolls around the grounds and frequent belly rubs. Flash has a wonderful temperament and can be seen on gate duty, please feel free to say Hi! to him, the children (and grown-ups!) already adore him.

After working with Flash children are required to wash their hands and alcohol gel is available in all classrooms. All risk assessments are complete. Please contact the school office if your child is nervous of dogs or has an allergy to dogs.



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Hot Weather

With the continuing hot weather could we remind parents and carers to ensure that children bring their drinks bottles to school, and to supply additional drinks during the hot weather. Water is always available at school for refills. Please can we ask that sunscreen is applied before school. Children are welcome to bring in their sunscreen but they must be able to apply it themselves. Please also provide your child with a named sun hat.



Important Dates **

Wednesday 14th June:

Friday 16th June:

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Tuesday 4th July:

Wednesday 5th July:

Thursday 6th July:

Friday 7th July:

Monday 10th July:

Friday 14th July:

Friday 14th July:

Thursday 20th July:

Thursday 20th July:

Greig Walters from Haygrove to visit Year 6

Biscuit decorating with FOSS AM

Sports for Schools Event PM

Kilve Court Trip

Secondary Transition Day

Moving up Morning

Sports Day (weather dependant)

Year 6 Leavers Trip

Reserve Sports Day (weather dependant)

Reports to Parents

Leavers Church Service 2.00-3.00pm

End of school year

** Please note some dates have changed from previous newsletters. Above dates are correct.



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