

Stogursey C of E Primary & Pre-School

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At the time of writing, we are preparing for the annual FOSS Fireworks. It is such an exciting occasion and is well-attended. Many people I know out of school talk very fondly about it. My personal thanks to FOSS who always organise this. It is important to support our Parent-Teacher Association. The newest group who have taken over organising FOSS have raised very close to the target I set them just after the pandemic in order to revamp our playground. Please dig deep at their events because our children will only benefit from what we have planned in changing their outdoor play space!

G Tucher

Gary Tucker Executive Head

Beacon

Art:

Now that our stencils are laminated, we will be cutting them again so that we have a waterproof, washable stencil that we can use again and again. It's nice to be able to work on a piece of art that builds up over time. We can't wait to show off the end result from all of our hard work! English:

This week, we've been planning two stories based in space! We're creating a shared story, which will be written by the whole class, about Liam (from Cosmic) crash landing on Mars and meeting some very unfriendly Martians! Our independently written stories will be on a planet of our choice which we are designing horrible aliens for! Maths:

We have been working on bar modelling and multi-step word problems. It takes a lot of thinking about but have worked really hard to get accurate results.

Science:

In Science, we are investigating night and day, using a torch and globe to see how this happens in different places around the world during different seasons.

Alfoxton

Children in Alfoxton have enjoyed a variety of lessons including geography in which they used an atlas to find out more information about Kenya. They have also enjoyed another swimming lesson this week and have been working hard to progress. Tomorrow we will be planning an observation lesson for science relating to our topic of Rocks and Soil.

<u>Triscombe</u>

Triscombe Class have begun reading a beautiful new book for English, called *Winter Sleep: A Hibernation Story*. This book builds well on the children's previous learning about seasonal changes, and also ties in with our Winter Festival topic. The children are enjoying finding out about a little boy's visit to his Granny Sylvie, and all the things he finds out about the natural world while he is there.

For topic work this week, the children have been learning about The Gunpowder Plot. They have been finding out who Guy Fawkes was, and why Bridgwater Carnival takes place around Bonfire Night.

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Triscombe continued

In Maths, Reception are learning about parts and wholes. This will be very important for their mathematical thinking and learning throughout school. Year 1 and Year 2 are learning about addition and subtraction, also using the concepts of parts and wholes in their calculations.

We had some excitement this week when some new small world toys arrived. They were donated by WildBrain, an animation company. The children have enjoyed playing imaginatively and creatively with the farm, garage and camping sets.



Adventurers

Alfoxton finish their 4 weeks of cooking by making rough puff pastry. They used a short crust pastry recipe and layered the pastry with cheese to create some delicious cheese twists. The children successfully followed the recipe themselves with very little help from the adults.



Wraparound

After school on Wednesday the children made some chocolate apples ready to be sold at the fire work display. We had to keep a very close eye on the children to make sure that the chocolate didn't go in their mouths.



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Pupil Achievement

Ava took part in a Fox Factor Talent Show whilst on holiday in half term.

Ava performed and sung a song from the musical "Matilda". Ava done really well and got through to the finals, to perform the following weekend at Looe in Cornwall, where all the finalists from all the holiday parks from the season took part.

Ava performed Saturday lunchtime and was put through to the grand final in the evening. Sadly, she didn't win but what a fantastic experience and a great achievement! Well done Ava!



<u>Jewellery</u>

Please can we ask that children remove earrings and jewellery before PE or please provide tape so they can cover their earrings?

Important Dates

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: 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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