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Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite a recent spate of chicken pox in the school, it seems things are returning to normal and children are getting back into their learning. It has been assessment week and it has been so pleasing to see the progress children are making. Not to rest on our laurels, we are already keenly planning for next term and ensuring we are ready to hit the ground running after Christmas. I am personally looking forward to seeing the all the children start constructing their birdhouses next term as part of our ambitious project to create a bird haven out on the field. The children's designs are very interesting indeed and we will be using saws and mini drills to put these together in Adventurers. If you would like to get involved with the school on a voluntary basis, please contact the school office. We are always looking for helpers!

Kind Regards

Gary Tucker
Headteacher

Beacon

Beacon class have been showing off their knowledge and skills this week in the core subject areas and showing me how much they know in English and Maths. I have been so proud of their focus and resilience with the assessments, and with how much they know! A very happy teacher.

To lighten the load a bit, we have been immersed in the Battle of Watling Street with Boudicca's rebellion against the Roman army in AD61 and as a historian myself, have been blown away with the buy-in and enthusiasm for the subject. Some budding historians on my hands, Mr Tucker donned his science lab coat this week also and has been investigating soluble materials with Beacon class. Lots of budding STEM engineers too!



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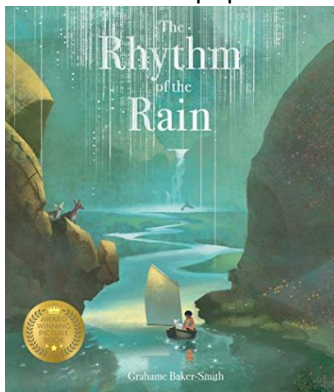
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This week, we have been busy rehearsing all the songs for the school Nativity which will take place on December 18th at 6 pm in St Andrew's Church- we are very much looking forward to it.

In English, we finished our leaflets about water and began reading a wonderful book called 'The Rhythm of the Rain' by Grahame Baker-Smith. It made us think about how water is used over and over again as we followed the journey of a pool of water, transitioning through evaporation and condensation, falling as precipitation... over and over! It travelled the world until it finally returned to the pool of water it had started.

Also, we are going to try to squeeze in writing a short story (about Christmas of course), before we break up for the Christmas holidays!

In Maths, we have created lovely Christmassy bar graphs (using the knowledge we have learned in lessons). We had to think about the intervals on the Y axis and how to divide the X axis to create a well-presented graph. Before we inputted the information onto the graph, we created tally charts to record our data. We were displaying information about the most popular Christmas decorations! It was quite fun.



Triscombe

This half term, we have been learning about Antarctica and the animals that live there. We have enjoyed playing with the Antarctic small world. In Science we classified animals, first into invertebrates, animals with no back bone, and vertebrates, animals with a back bone. We then classified vertebrates into mammals, amphibians, reptiles, fish, birds and invertebrates into the insects classification. We were lucky to have a visit from a very friendly reptile called 'Mel' (Ashley's pet tortoise) we got a chance to touch his dry scaly skin and its hard shell.



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Preschool

We have had fun this week with lots of festive activities. We used white paint, scrapers, snowflakes, sequins, and small flakes of iridescent paper to make beautiful snowy creations. The children practiced their scissor skills, cutting out presents, baubles and stars to stick onto their Christmas trees. They used fine motor skills, to place buttons onto different lines; wavy, zigzag and spiral and then used tweezers to pick up pom poms to place them in their corresponding-coloured bowls. The children matched Christmas objects and characters together by finding their other half and then tested their memories when they turned all the cards over and then had to find the matching halves! They did brilliantly well at this game and took turns, waiting patiently until it was their go. We have explored the objects and smells of oranges and cinnamon in our touch tray and sprinkled the 'snow', watching it fall between our fingers! We also found out, if we blew into the tray, we could create a 'snowstorm'! The children have been listening to stories of the Nativity, and we have talked about Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus and what Christmas means. We also joined up with Triscombe class again to practise our songs for our Nativity.



Beacon Class Musical Performance

We have sent out emails to Beacon parents about this but this is open to the whole community. Beacon class would like to show off their singing and instrumental skills by performing a song at Celebration Assembly on Friday 13th December. Doors open at 2.50pm for a 3pm start. We would be pleased to see you there.



Christmas Activities

Please keep an eye out for emails regarding these events. If you have any questions, please contact your child's class teacher.



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Christmas Dinner

Please can parents and carers ensure you have ordered your child/children's Christmas Meal by **11.00pm on Saturday 7th December**. If your child does not want to have a Christmas meal, please provide your child with a packed lunch.



Important Dates

Wednesday 11th December:

Thursday 12th December:

Wednesday 18th December:

Thursday 19th December:

Friday 20th December:

Friday 20th December:

Monday 6th January 2025:

Tuesday 7th January 2025:

Monday 17th – Friday 21st February:

Christmas Dinner **(please ensure you have registered with our HSM app)**

Christmas Jumper Day

Nativity at the Church 6.00pm-7.00pm (Children to arrive at 5.30pm)

Class Christmas Parties (afternoon)

Christingle at the Church 2.00pm

Last Day of Term

Inset Day

First Day Back

Half Term

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