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Hello everyone and welcome back! We hope you all had an enjoyable and well rested Summer. Can you believe we are already a week in to our new academic year? Firstly, we would like to welcome our new Reception children and new starters. Every week we send out our weekly newsletter, this gives you an update of what your child/children have been doing throughout the week and any upcoming information and important school dates.

Beacon

In Science, we made sturdy, secure towers to save a teddy called Simba (Miss Day loves The Lion King!). We had a limited amount of materials like: rubber bands, 4 pieces of card, 2 plant pots, 1 roll of masking tape, 1 roll of Sellotape, a ruler and a toy Simba. We were learning about working cooperatively to engineer a tower which could hold Simba for up to 10 seconds in high winds (a fan), whilst also being over 30cm tall – it was lots of fun. We would like to do another challenge like this again in the future.

In Stogursey Adventurers, we did Computing and French. In French we learned how to spell and pronounce the planets. In computing we did bike systems, we also learned about the delivery lockers that you can find at Asda or other places.

On move up day, before the end of the summer term, we made clay models of our faces. On the very first day back we had a great time painting them in a realistic style. We are excited to varnish them and put them on display for everyone to see.

Credit: Composed by Beacon Class, Typed by Harrison.

Alfoxton

Welcome to the new school year. The children have been busy settling back into the school routine and enjoying the fine weather. In Maths we have been learning about place value, partitioning, using number lines to 1000, and counting on in 1000s to 10,000. In English we have been learning the poem 'Everyone Sang' by Siegfried Sassoon. In History, Ava and Alexzander rose to the challenge of learning about the Tudor times, "We did about the Queens and Kings from hundreds of years ago. It's hard because I know nothing about the Tudor times and it's totally new," and, "We are thinking about a whole other time period, and we learned about Queen Elizabeth I - she had red hair." In Science Alfoxton recapped 'What is a force?' and, thinking about push and pull, children demonstrated it, drew pictures to illustrate and wrote a sentence about it.



Triscombe

It has been lovely to see the children back in school, and to welcome the reception children into Triscombe Class. The new children are settling into school well and are enjoying playing and learning with their friends in Year 1 and Year 2. Triscombe Class have started a topic on Friends and Families. We are reading The Great Big Book of Families by Mary Hoffman to learn about different types of families. The children have enjoyed talking about their own families, and what makes them special.



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In English we are using The Puffin Book of Fantastic First Poems to learn and perform poems, before we begin to create our own poetry. The children enjoyed reading about slishy, sloshy slurpy spaghetti in "Spaghetti Spaghetti" by Jack Prelutsky. In Maths, Key Stage 1 children are all learning about place value, including counting, reading and representing numbers. The Reception children have already started to work hard in their daily phonics and mastering number sessions.



Swimming

Our friends at Quantock Lodge welcomed pupils from Years 4-6, who were super excited to get back into the pool this week! Rupert recalled the assessment which included splashing water in his face and swimming across the width of the pool for each of front crawl and back crawl. Oscar said that he enjoys swimming both strokes but prefers front crawl. Alexzander and Harry B were thrilled to build on their technical skills and practise strokes in the deep end with their classmates. We are thrilled that the children are now able to have an hour's swim, rather than half an hour, at no extra charge thanks to the generosity of Quantock Lodge. It will make a huge difference to our children's progress in the pool. Could we please encourage parents and carers to ensure that children are supplied with goggles each Tuesday, so that they can get the most out of their swim time.

If any parents or carers are struggling to provide goggles for their child due to financial hardship, please contact Mr Tucker via the online form, who will be pleased to advise.

https://www.stogurseyprimaryschool.co.uk/web/help_with_cost_of_living/618324

PE

PE days for the whole school remain the same, Tuesdays and Fridays. Full PE kit should be worn on these days unless pupils are swimming.

Years 4-6 swim every Tuesday until 21st November and should wear school uniform to school and bring in their swimwear and towels in a bag. Please remember goggles. No tights please as the children can struggle to put them on afterwards with damp legs.

Adventurers

This week in Adventurers, Triscombe Class learned about the difference between fruits and vegetables and made soup using 12 different types of vegetables. Triscombe practised how to safely use a knife and peeler and chopped up vegetables to make their delicious vegetable soup! Octavia tried her brothers and said, 'How lovely it was!' Intrigued to start their new topic, 'Design-Experiment-Build,' years 3 & 4 focussed on bridges and explored the essential vocabulary; why bridges are built and an introduction to the six main types of bridge design. Their lesson ended creatively, as children designed a tallest tower and widest bridge using one sheet of A4 paper. Previously learned maths skills was applied by completing data tables. Next week, students will learn more about different bridge designs and bridges of the world. They will also get to build and test beam and arch bridges made of cardboard – it's sure to be ambitious and excellent fun!



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Parents and Carers of New Starters

Parents and Carers of our new starters should all have received the 'Getting Started with Arbor Parent Portal and Arbor Parent App' information sent out via letter earlier this week, which includes personal log in details and links. Please could we encourage all parents and carers to take a few moments to register with Arbor as it will allow you to register and give consent for a variety of activities, including afterschool clubs and trips, and crucially, helps school communicate effectively with you. For advice, or further information please contact Mrs Nicholls the office.

New Starters - Staff

PE teacher Mr Liam New, joins us every Friday to provide a whole host of PE support, including participating in our 8am breakfast club, lunchtime sporting fun on the field, and of course motivating, energising and effective PE lessons! Apprentice Miss Jones will be supporting Mr New with our PE activities– a hearty welcome to you both!

The Celebration Assembly is Back!

Every Friday at 3pm in the hall parents and carers are invited to celebrate the achievements of our children and school over the past week. Should you wish to attend, no need to book, just turn up at 2.45pm, sign in at reception, and you will be able to learn more about, and share in the successes of our marvellous village school.

Important Dates

Thursday 7th September:

First day back!

Wednesday 27th September:

Fair Wednesday Inset Day

Friday 20th October:

Last day of term

Monday 23rd October-Friday 27th October:

Half Term

Monday 30th October:

First day back

Monday 13th November- Friday 17th November:

Anti-bullying week

Tuesday 14th November:

Parents Evening (long)

Wednesday 15th November:

Parents Evening (short)

Thursday 16th November:

School picture day (siblings and individuals)

Friday 8th December:

Christmas Jumper Day



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