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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we continue the impressive start to the term, I've been reflecting on how much growth we've already seen across the school in such a short time. This week, my Year 5 maths group has particularly impressed me with their perseverance and problem-solving skills. The challenges I've set for them are becoming increasingly complex, yet they tackle each one with determination, rising to the occasion and showing fantastic progress. It's wonderful to see their confidence and abilities grow week by week.

Over in Triscombe Class, the focus has been on finishing techniques as the children carefully file and sand their cut pieces of wood for their birdhouses. The care and precision they've shown in this practical work is a testament to their patience and attention to detail. Alongside this, they've been working on musical compositions for their upcoming rock performance, pouring creativity and energy into their preparations. I can't wait to see their hard work come together in what promises to be a fantastic show.

Growth, whether in skills, knowledge, or confidence, is a journey—and it's a privilege to witness our children embracing the process so wholeheartedly. Let's continue to celebrate their successes and encourage them to persevere through challenges, knowing that every step contributes to their development.

Here's to another week of learning and progress!

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Gary Tucker'.

Gary Tucker
Headteacher

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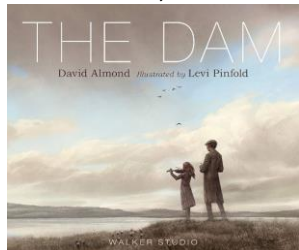
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Beacon

We have been busy getting stuck into our new text in English: The Dam. The children have used pictorial inspiration from the book to write some beautiful expanded noun phrases. We have investigated deeper in to the work of Danny Osborne and methods of sculpting and created an in-depth study of the Alps and the Lake District. They were sad however, that we were not going on a school trip to either of these places!



Alfoxton

This week we've explored the question, 'How does light travel?'. We know that light is energy from a light source and travels in straight lines. We wanted to check this so we made periscopes from cereal boxes and mirrors - they really worked! We discovered that because light travels in straight lines, it would hit both mirrors inside our periscopes and be reflected into our eyes. It was so much fun! We could hide under the table and spy on the other side of the classroom without anyone seeing us!

We've also been working hard on our 3x table and discovered a really neat trick to help us remember the factors! We've all made so much progress with our multiplication tables!

In History, we have discovered how the Vikings would sort out disagreements and what rules they had to live by. Did you know that when Vikings disagreed about something, they would have 'a Thing'. A thing is where Vikings would meet (usually at a big stone) to argue. Other Viking people would be there to make a judgment (including a law keeper). When a decision was made, if one Viking still wasn't happy about it, they could fight it out in a battle. Eventually, the battles were stopped because bullies (berserkers) would always win!

We look forward to finding out even more next week!



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Triscombe

The children have been working hard in Triscombe class this week. They have learned and performed a dinosaur poem. As well as recognising syllables. This has been supported by their brilliant phonics knowledge. We have been very impressed with their English skills this week.

Year 2 have been working very hard in Maths and we are so proud of them.

During foundation lessons this week, the children have created brilliant painting of the precious things in the world linking to Psalm. They put their primary colours to create secondary colours and dinosaur footprints. In Science, they used their data from last week's mini-beast hunt and made a chart.

The class are really enjoying our dinosaur and fossils topic. They have been very creative during provision putting their skills to the test.



Preschool

This week, we have continued our learning about Winter weather. The children have used different media to create snowflakes, for example paint, brushes and tin foil, cotton buds, paint and paper, lollypop sticks, paint and glitter and chalk pens on chalkboards. They have mixed cornflour and shaving foam to make their own 'snow', adding googly eyes and pipe cleaners to create snowmen. The children used lollypop sticks to make their own hanging snowflakes and decorated them with paint and glitter. We have also talked about different ways to keep warm in the cold Winter weather by wearing coats, hats and gloves and drinking hot chocolate to keep warm!



Important Dates

Monday 17th – Friday 21st February:

Half Term

Friday 14th March:

Inset Day

Monday 7th April-Friday 18th April:

Easter Holidays

Monday 21st April:

Bank Holiday

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