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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a brilliant week of Maths across the school, and I've thoroughly enjoyed visiting lessons and seeing the enthusiasm, focus, and fun in every classroom. It's clear that our children are not only developing strong number skills, but also growing in confidence as mathematical thinkers.

In Years 3 and 4, I was particularly impressed by the children's use of mathematical language—using words like *factor* and *product* with such accuracy and applying them when reasoning through problems. Their explanations showed real depth of understanding, and it was fantastic to hear them articulate their thinking so clearly.

Over in Reception, children were playing a wonderfully simple but effective game involving hiding cubes up to 5 and working out how many were missing. The room was filled with excitement and joyful learning as they used their number sense to solve each little mystery.

In Year 1, I saw great use of the number line beyond 10, helping children to explore and understand bridging facts in a practical and engaging way. Meanwhile, Year 2 were recalling number bonds to 20 with impressive fluency, using a clever retrieval activity involving a bird on a washing line to work out how many had "flown away." The memory and logic being used was fantastic to see.

Our Year 6 pupils have been hard at work preparing for their upcoming SATs, revisiting a wide range of topics with determination and maturity. It was great to see them applying what they've learned and rising to the challenge of revision with real focus.

And finally, I must give a shoutout to my own Year 5 group, who have been tackling improper fractions and converting them into mixed numbers, as well as multiplying fractions. Their reasoning and perseverance have been brilliant, and they've even made it fun along the way!

There's a real buzz around Maths at the moment, and it's wonderful to see children enjoying the challenge and success that comes with deepening their understanding. Thank you, as always, for supporting their learning at home—it really makes a difference. From the school, we wish you a restful Easter break and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 22nd April.

Warm Regards

Gary Tucker
Headteacher

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Beacon

Beacon class have worked hard this week publishing their gruesome fairy tales in English. We have lots of super-writers in the class and some very gory tales. They have worked so hard in Maths and in particular on their arithmetic and have seen and felt this for themselves. Well done Beacon class!

I hope they all have a well-deserved rest for the Easter Break and come back fresh and ready for the new Summer Term and all it will bring.

Happy Easter Everybody!



Alfoxton

Well, it's the last week of term and we are looking forward to taking home our Viking shields and jewellery so we can show them to our families!

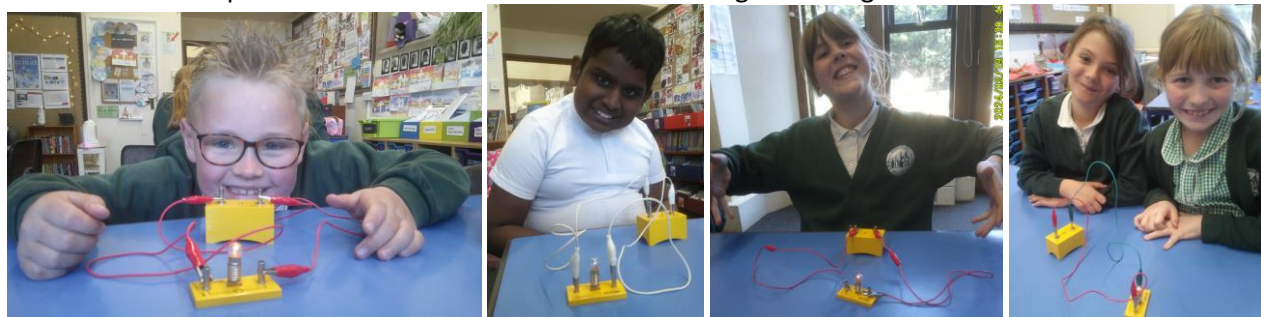
Throughout the week, we've taken on the role of journalists (in our English lessons). We've learned how to interview witnesses by asking relevant questions and use the witness responses as quotes in our own newspaper reports. This all stemmed from the book we read (The Ice Palace).

In Maths, we've upped the challenge by working so hard on our 6, 7 and 9 times table at the same time! We're so much better at multiplication than Miss Day now! We've also learned some tricks to help us quickly identify if a larger number is a multiple of 3 or 6. Ask us about the digit-sum strategy!

As Scientists, we know the importance of safety when working with electrical items. So, when we created circuits this week, we made sure we were following all the rules correctly to stay safe. We were able to use cells, bulbs, switches and wires to light up the room! We thought about why a bulb doesn't light up until the switch is pressed but then we realised that the circuit is broken when the switch is off. Now we understand a lot more about completing circuits to enable electricity to flow!

On the very last day of term, we had such a great morning because we were able to learn new skills like jewellery making, charcoal drawing, sticker making, sewing and origami! Have a look at our photos to see our amazing creations.

Take a look at our photos to see us in action! We love learning new things!



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Triscombe

This half term, we have been learning about the fascinating topic of space, and the children have really enjoyed exploring it. We wrapped up the topic by discussing the equipment and supplies astronauts would need for their missions. The children have shown great enthusiasm and curiosity throughout the lessons, making it a fun and engaging experience for all.

In English, the children wrote imaginative poems about rockets, incorporating some fantastic onomatopoeias. We have been so impressed with their creativity, hard work, and dedication. As we head into the Easter holidays, I want to wish everyone a restful break.



Preschool

This week, we have baked Easter cakes. The children enjoyed visiting the school kitchen, wearing their cooking aprons and had fun mixing all the ingredients together and then spooning them into the cake cases ready for cooking. Once cooled, they were decorated with icing and a mini chocolate egg!

The children explored a vegetable touch tray, pretending to dig and plant. We then used the vegetables to make recurring patterns - i.e radish, carrot, potato, radish, carrot, potato. The children also used their counting skills to match the number of chicks to the number by the mummy chicken's nest, first by guessing and then counting to see if they had correctly guessed.

The children have also been thoroughly engaged in playing games, such as animal dominoes and guess the noise of the animals. Ashley and I were really impressed with how they helped each other and showed great turn taking and waiting skills.

This week our phonics book has been 'Errol's garden' and we talked about what we would like to grow if we could grow anything. Strawberries was the top answer! We also read the 'Easter story' and learned about Jesus and the meaning of why we celebrate Easter.



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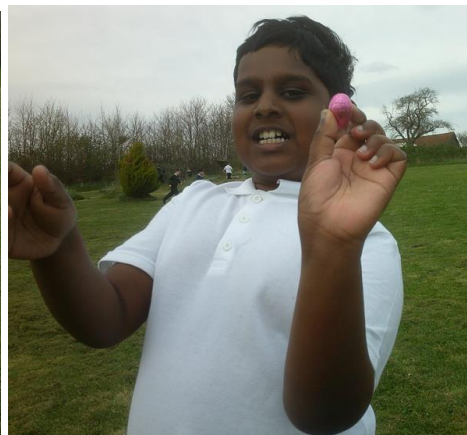
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Easter Egg Hunt



Summer PE Days

Due to swimming starting for Reception/ Years 1-3, PE arrangements will change and so here they are.

Years 4/5/6- Tuesday is PE day with Miss Day leading. The rest of the school- normal school uniform and bring swimming kits.

Whole school PE with sports coach- Fridays

Please ensure on these days starting the first week back, children come to school dressed in PE kit with the school jumper on top as usual.



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Wraparound Timings

A polite reminder, please could you pick up your child/children at the designated times of 4.30pm or 5.45pm only. Some days there is only one member of staff who will be cooking a hot meal, looking after the children and going to answer the door at different times. As you can imagine this can be quite challenging. If you need to pick your child/children up earlier than the designated time, please could you call the school office before 3.30pm.

We thank you in advance for your co-operation.



Attendance Alligator Winner This Week:



Alfoxton

Punctuality Panda Winner This Week:



Triscombe

Important Dates

Friday 4th April:

Monday 7th April-Friday 18th April:

Monday 21st April:

Tuesday 22nd April:

Tuesday 29th April:

Monday 5th May:

Wednesday 7th May:

Monday 12th May-Thursday 15th May:

Easter Service at the Church at 2.00pm(collect children from church)

Easter Holidays

Bank Holiday

Reception/Year 1/Year 2/ Year 3 Swimming

Old School Records Open Day (Rescheduled) 2.00pm-3.00pm

Bank Holiday

Class Photo Day

KS2 SATs

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