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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful half-term break. As we step into this next half of the Spring Term, we also begin our journey towards Easter—a time of reflection, renewal, and new beginnings. It has been wonderful to see the children return full of enthusiasm, diving straight into their learning with curiosity and excitement.

This week, I had the pleasure of seeing some truly inspiring work across the school. In Beacon Class, the children have been creating art sculptures inspired by volcanoes, exploring shape and form with real creativity. Alongside this, they have been immersed in their History learning on the Battle of Sedgemoor, engaging deeply with the realities of this brutal combat that took place right on our doorstep. It was fascinating to see their growing understanding of local history and the thought-provoking discussions it sparked.

Over in Alfoxton Class, children have been experimenting with sound in Science, making traditional cup-and-string telephones to explore how sound travels. Their excitement and curiosity in testing out their creations were a joy to see. Meanwhile, over in Triscombe Class and Pre-School, a spacecraft crash landing in the outdoor classroom caused quite a stir! It was fantastic to see so many children investigating the "crash site," forming theories, and asking thoughtful questions about what might have happened—scientific thinking at its best!

With such a brilliant start to the half term, I can't wait to see what the coming weeks will bring. As we journey towards Easter, I look forward to celebrating our children's achievements and continuing to encourage them to be curious, creative, and courageous in their learning.

Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead.

Warm Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'G Tucker'.

Gary Tucker
Headteacher

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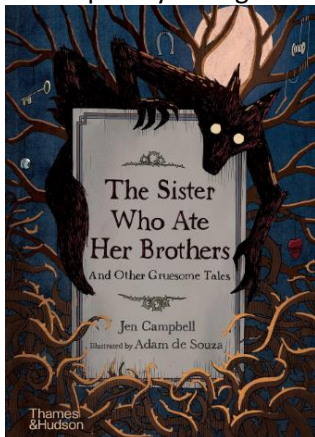
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Beacon

It was lovely to welcome Beacon class back this week. They have come back with energy and enthusiasm for the term ahead. We began our unit on The Monmouth Rebellion. This topic embodies lots of gruesome detail and is an important part of our local history and the children came with some excellent prior knowledge and were enthralled with the key characters and themes of the rebellion. We are taking this gruesome theme and using it in our English to look at some traditional tales with a gruesome twist. I am sure we will get some fantastic writing out of this unit and hopefully no nightmares!



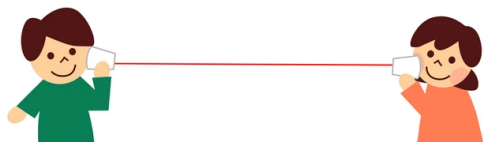
Alfoxton

We have had a lovely first week back! This week we have begun producing books of our own which we will be bringing home to share when they are complete. We based our stories on Arthur and the Golden Rope. We have included all the new punctuation we learned so there is plenty of direct speech in them.

In Maths, we are strengthening our understanding of column subtraction with exchanges. We are getting so much better at remembering the exchanges and becoming increasingly accurate at finding the difference.

In Science, we made cup telephones to explore how sound travels through different mediums. We learned that sound cannot travel through space as it is a vacuum.

In Art, we studied Viking artefacts and produced animals drawn in a Viking style. We are really proud of our efforts!



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Triscombe

What an exciting start to the week we've had! Our learning journey has launched into the stars as we begin our topic on *Space*. The children are absolutely *over the moon* with all the fun and fascinating discoveries they've already made!

We kicked off the week with a thrilling surprise – a spaceship *crashed* right into our playground! The children were captivated by this mysterious event and eagerly explored the scene, imagining what it would be like to land on a distant planet. This hands-on experience led beautifully into our English lessons. The children have also been exploring the story of *Beegu*, a friendly alien stranded on Earth—creative writing session, where they wrote fantastic *setting descriptions* and *character descriptions*.

In *Science*, we have started learning all about *Everyday Materials*. They loved working in teams to create their very own material monsters, using a variety of materials to bring their ideas to life! It was wonderful to see them collaborating, problem-solving, and using their imaginations in such a hands-on way.

Meanwhile, in *RE*, the children have been reflecting on the important role of leaders in our community. They've been discussing how leaders help guide us and keep us safe. It's heartwarming to see them learning the value of teamwork, responsibility, and care for one another.

What a fantastic start to the term! We can't wait to continue exploring the mysteries of space and beyond, while developing skills in every subject. Thank you for your continued support as we journey through these exciting learning adventures together.



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Preschool

We use the first week after a half term break to settle children back into our routines and remind us all of our preschool 'Golden rules'. The children have remembered these beautifully and have been sharing, taking turns and listening well.

This week we are reading 'Kindness makes us strong'. It has opened up discussions on what we do to be kind. The children shared their understanding of kindness, for example saying 'I be kind and help mummy do the dishes', 'I share with my sister' and 'I play with my brother'.

We have also enjoyed caterpillar number threading and guess the number game where an adult wrote a number and said our number rhymes before revealing the correct answer.

The children have also had a taster of our next topic 'Space', through small world play. We will be expanding on this topic for the rest of the term and will be learning some interesting facts about space and our own planet!



World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 6th March. We invite children to dress as a character from any book along with asking children to bring in a book they enjoy reading to share with each others.

Here is a link to World Book Day's low-cost ideas for dressing up: <https://www.worldbookday.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/World-Book-Day-2025-low-cost-dressing-up-pack.pdf>

Thursday 6 March

Happy World Book Day!

Share your celebrations!



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Important Dates

Thursday 6th March:

Friday 14th March:

Tuesday 18th March:

Wednesday 19th March:

Friday 21st March:

Friday 4th April:

Monday 7th April-Friday 18th April:

Monday 21st April:

World Book Day

Inset Day

Parents Evening (4.00pm-5.50pm) Slots will be available shortly

Parents Evening (3.40pm-4.50pm) Slots will be available shortly

Comic Relief

Easter Service at the Church at 2.00pm

Easter Holidays

Bank Holiday

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