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What a wonderful couple of weeks we have had. Last week was a short one but we did packed it with some exciting learning. I did enjoy seeing Beacon class learning from their mistakes when their cupcakes didn't quite turn out as planned in Adventurers- a good reflection point! Last week we focused on the national Anti-Bullying Week and I am looking forward to seeing the display of work going up about it. Last Friday's INSET day was all about Special Educational Needs with much training happening that will only enhance our already very inclusive culture. This will massively benefit our pupils. Enjoy your weekend!

G Tucker

Gary Tucker
Executive Head

Beacon

Techniquet was amazing! On Thursday Beacon Class, who were exceptionally well behaved, polite and such a positive representation for Stogursey School, visited Techniquet Science Centre and Planetarium to enhance their learning about space. Miss Day was so impressed by the depth of the questions pupils asked about black holes and The Solar System, as well as how much knowledge they had remembered from lessons - they have received a well-earned class star!

The coach journey took almost two hours but that didn't affect the children's excitement when they saw all the exhibits Techniquet had on offer.

Bella enjoyed a virtual environment cleaning activity whilst Lenny, India and Casey C all competed to burn the most calories on an exercise bike which measured the energy burnt by a human body during exercise.

In the centre there were so many interactive experiences to learn from: a wind tunnel, a theremin (ask the children what this is), slow-motion video capture, lift your own weight, huge moving models of 'night and day' with Earth orbiting The Sun, a ginormous globe featuring locations of native foods from around the world, hurricane machines, robotics, remotely controlled submarine with a camera and SO much more!

Mrs Payne, Miss Day and Mrs Berry enjoyed monitoring their heart rate on the heart monitoring machine! "I hope it shows we've got healthy hearts!" they all said.

During the planetarium show, Alfred had so many excellent questions to ask: building on our classroom learning.

"How close is the closest black hole? Does Saturn have 62 moons? Was Pluto demoted due to Make Make, the dwarf planet? Will our sun become a black hole one day?" He asked. This led to us discovering that, in our lifetime we may be lucky enough to witness a supernova (but not our own sun) which may be visible as two suns in the sky one day.

Of course, this may not happen but it's exciting to hear about! Also, we all discovered that, since the book we had read which stated Saturn had 62 moons was published many years ago, scientists have discovered many more moons orbiting Saturn -over 100! Can you believe it?

We all had such an amazing day! We can't wait to go on our next school trip!

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Alfoxton

Last week, as a school, we took part in the national anti-bully week. As part of this we were taught to speak up about bullying and to know who our trusted friends or adults were. This way we would have someone to talk to if we saw or felt that bullying was happening. Alfoxton Class have written pledges to help stop bullying. These are on display outside of the class.

We have also set up a 'Celebrating our Differences' board in class. This allows children to share their hobbies, teams, groups and many other things that they do outside of school. It can be as simple as sharing a book they have read at home, a recipe for something they have made, some writing they have done, an award they have achieved and many other things as well. We are looking forward to filling our board with all of our differences.



Triscombe

Triscombe Class have had a busy two weeks. Last week we began our new science topic on Materials. The children learned that everything is made of atoms, and explored the difference between liquids and solids.

In Art, the children produced some lovely firework pictures and sculptures as part of our Winter Festivals topic. The children drew fireworks using pastels on black or dark blue, purple or green paper. The children's use of line colour to create firework effects was really impressive. The children also made firework sculptures out of straws, which they decorated with glitter.

The classroom is already beginning to sparkle ready for Christmas! With Christmas getting closer, we have now begun to practise songs ready for the Nativity Play. The children are already getting excited about performing for their families!

In English, the children have written postcards and letters to a character from the book *Winter Sleep: A hibernation story* to tell them all about the things we enjoy doing in Stogursey. Beatrix remembered that sometimes we go for a walk in the morning to look at trees and birds around the village. Charlie said he likes to go to the ice-cream van. Many of the children talked about the fun they have at the park and the field. The children all sounded very proud of their village.



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Pre-school

The last two weeks the children have enjoyed a park visit; this involved a cheeky chocolate biscuit. We then learned all about poppies. This was done in a very friendly way, showing them a short video on Cbeebies. We then went to the castle and walked back through the farmers field. We found a turnip growing in the ground and lots of sheep.



Adventurers

In Triscombe we are looking at structures and thinking about the strong shapes within them. The children went on a shape scavenger hunt last week and looked at the shapes within famous buildings. This week we made shapes from lollipops and made them stronger using triangles. If you have any interesting structures within your house such as exposed timbers, please talk to the children about how strong the shapes are.

Swimming

We have had a fantastic term of swimming. The children have all made huge progress and have all gained so much confidence. Thank you for providing goggles for your child. It has made such a difference.

Child Absence

Please can we ask all parents/carers, if you child/children will be off absent from school, please call the school office before 9.30am and leave a message on our absence line.

School Car Park

Just a gentle reminder to parents and carers that the slope is for vehicle access only. Please do not use it if walking in and out of the site. We have a side pedestrian access point and as adults, we do need to be role models to the young people in our care showing safe access to the school. Cars often appear and an accident could happen. Many thanks for your patience and understanding.

Christmas Dinner

If you would like your child to have a Christmas Dinner on 12th December but haven't got a log in, please contact Mrs Nicholls in the school office and she will get this set up for you.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who supported the RBL Poppy Appeal again this year. We are pleased to say that we raised £68.09!

Important Dates

Friday 8th December:

Tuesday 12th December:

Thursday 14th December:

Friday 15th December:

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Tuesday 2nd January:

Wednesday 3rd January:

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Dinner

Nativity at the Church 5.00pm-7.00pm

Christingle at the church 2.00pm

Last day of term

Inset Day

First day back

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