



# Stogursey C of E Primary & Pre-School

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As I return to being Head of Stogursey solely this forthcoming week, I want to thank the staff, children, parents and governors for their support and kindness during this unique circumstance of being head of two schools. It is very timely that I now return just as the Christmas topic is starting. I can't wait to get involved in all the planned events in the run up to what is a special time of year.

*G Tucker*

Gary Tucker  
Executive Head

### Beacon

Beacon Class are well on their way to finishing their beautiful paintings inspired by Chelsey Bonestell. Before we break up for Christmas, parents and carers will be invited to view them all in an exhibition so look out for the details in upcoming emails/posts.

The whole class have now started lessons of Mastering Number and all are enjoying it so far - even Miss Day. "It's a fun, speedy way to learn fluency facts in Maths which can help us with more challenging questions."

This week in English, pupils have been focussing on the different sentence types: simple, compound and complex (they are very good at spotting subordinate and main clauses). After this, we will start writing our own stories ready to read to the younger members of the school before Christmas.

Please see the pictures taken from our amazing trip last week at Techniquet.



### Alfoxton

This week the children have enjoyed producing some fantastic fact files about animals in Africa. They have talked about appearance, habitat, diet and included some fascinating facts furthermore, they have added colourful pictures to make their fact file stand out. The class have also been planning their discussion text about whether or not the farmers should trap the Iron Man. There have been some brilliant discussions in class about this with children explaining their opinions and reasons for it. We cannot wait to read the final written discussions. In maths the class have all moved onto the topic of time. The children are looking forward to having opportunities to show you what they have been learning.

Well done to Harry L, Jasper, Eugene, Rupert, Kayleigh, Veronica and Oscar on receiving a Head Teachers certificate for their amazing work on African Animals!



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## **Triscombe**

This week Triscombe have learned all about the story of the Nativity and have been practising songs ready for the nativity. In Mastering Number, Reception have been using their subitising skills (seeing quantity without counting) and representing quantities in different ways, whilst Year 1s have been partitioning numbers 1-5 in different ways, Year 2s have been adding 2-digit numbers across 10. This has continued into their play where the children have enjoyed counting the animals and using the large scales to work out which objects weighed more than or less than a number. Triscombe have also been looking at hibernation and have all enjoyed drawing pictures of a dormouse.



## **Pre-school**

This week the children have been following the story of Stick-Man. They have taken part in lots of cutting and sticking activities to help improve dexterity, and really enjoyed recreating the Stick-Man story with the cut and stick storyboards. They have also enjoyed lots of time on the bikes and trikes and creating chalk art on the 'big playground'. They also had another visit from Rev Alison who continued to read the Nativity story with them, the children listened really well and asked some really great questions.

## **Adventurers**

Beacon have been making cakes for the past few weeks using different methods. Last week they made carrot cakes using the all-in-one method. They really did not like the thought of putting cream cheese on top of the cakes but once they had mixed it with icing sugar and tasted the finished cakes with the cream topping, they realised just how nice they were. This week they used the all in one method to make courgette cakes. They were definitely not keen on this idea. However, once the spices were added and they had tasted the finished cakes they again realised that they weren't as bad as they thought they would be.

## **Wraparound**

The children and adults have been very grateful for the generous donations of games and puzzles. These have been enjoyed by all in the past few weeks, especially as the dark evenings are now upon us.

## **Christmas Dinner**

If you would like your child to have a Christmas Dinner on 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Out of School Achievements**

Congratulations to Beth, Jasmine and Amelia for achieving their latest belts in Kickboxing. Keep up the good work girls!



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## Important Dates

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December:

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December:

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December:

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December:

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Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January:

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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