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I am really pleased to see how well Stogursey School children have settled back into our well-established routines. It is also fantastic to see our Year 6s wearing their red jumpers and continuing the tradition set by last year's Year 6 of buddying with children starting school. Reception children look really smart in their uniforms and ready for the move from Pre-school to school.

I look forward to seeing what we achieve this year and now spending even more time in the Stogursey community doing what we do to!

G Tucker

Beacon

This week in Beacon Class we have enjoyed starting a new story called 'Cosmic'. It is about a little boy who lies to his parents about going on a school trip, lies to some people running a competition to travel into space about how old he really is (contestants need to be over 18 or travel with someone over 18 if they are a child) and ends up going into space in a rocket. Unfortunately, the rocket rolls off orbit and they all end up lost in space with Earth nowhere to be seen. We are really enjoying the book so far. Lilly said, "If I had the opportunity to go into space I would definitely go because I like doing scary things like that!" India said, "I don't think I would like to go up into space as it could be very dangerous and I might miss my family. Imagine if the oxygen ran out!"

We have all got our reading books now so we are excited to start the class stars next week. Miss Day gives everyone a star every day if they read at home - it's good because we can get recognition for reading and have fun doing it.

In Science we are doing an investigation where we look at the Moon every day for a month. We are going to draw what the Moon looks like and see how it changes over time. We are all competing to have the fullest chart! We thought it would be really interesting if we went on holiday and looked at the Moon from somewhere else in the world so if one of us goes on holiday, they will take the chart and record the Moon. Written by Beacon Class pupils.



Miss Day's comment

Miss Day would like to add to our news this week, this is what she would like to say:

'I was in the corridor as the whole school were finishing lunch and heading out to play. So many children said, "Good afternoon Miss Day, how are you?" which I thought was incredibly polite and showed how caring and kind pupils at Stogursey School are.'

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I was so proud and felt ever so lucky to be part of such a wonderful community of young people. Harry L said, "Miss Day, I love year 4, I love coming to school. This is the best year I have ever been in." Ben said, "Hello Miss Day, do you know, I love this school and I don't love it...do you want to know why? I love it because the teachers are on it and everyone is so kind. I don't love it because it drains my batteries but it's okay because I can recharge them." How lovely!



Alfoxton

This week, in English we have started to read 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. We have thought about what the Iron Man looks like, discussed what we want to know about him and performed part of the first chapter in groups. In history, we continued to look at the difference between rich and poor. We sorted people from different times in history based on their clothing and then discussed how we could tell the difference between who was rich or poor. We will begin to look at friction in Science and plan an experiment based around this topic.



Triscombe

Reception children have transitioned to full days, settling in well. It is wonderful to see our class become one big happy friendship group, caring for each other in different ways. Happy smiling Myla has discovered that she loves to play outside on the play equipment. Confident Luca says "I love school, playing and colouring." In class, children have been learning a poem, 'Spaghetti Spaghetti,' and thinking of their own interesting adjectives such as slimy, gooey, crunchie and delicious, have developed their own versions. In Maths, Reception have been counting back from 10 and Year 1 exploring one less and one more. How pleased we are to see our reception children engaging in, and thoroughly enjoying, our afterschool construction and sports clubs.



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Preschool

Children have been making new friendship groups, learning through play and taking small calculated, supervised risks such as jumping and climbing in the garden, using metal child scissors and knives to chop fruit. It's been a creative week in preschool with lots of painting, junk modelling, sand and water play. Using recycling materials and paint, children used their imaginations to create an assortment of objects including rockets and people. Cause and effect have been explored using water play with lots of bubbles, boats, and buckets and spades with sand. Pre-school have also enjoyed core book of the week, The Gruffalo, and been onto the field to collect fresh apples which children learnt to cut with sharp knives safely. Gruffalo crumble was made with children happily chopping, mixing, and weighing ingredients such as flour, butter and sugar themselves. The aroma of apple crumble slowly cooking was truly delicious!



Adventurers

On Monday's Adventurers, Triscombe learnt how to knead dough and made their own salt dough. We also tasted different types of bread dipped in tomato soup to find out which bread was the most suitable. The whole class said the pita bread was their favourite and the thin bread was the least favourite. Jack and Tilly said they really enjoyed making the salt dough. Jack made a dinosaur shape and Tilly made a long train. This week, our Adventuring Civil Engineers started learning how to follow instructions constructing a small cardboard beam bridge design. They tested the structural strength by adding number blocks to the centre of the span. Keeping a tally, they learned how a bridge becomes stronger when spans are added and more so again when you place an arch under the span. Alfoxton students also got to practice their geography skills matching famous bridges around the world with their country. Next week, students will start to learn to understand the specific design strengths and weaknesses in basic bridge structures.



Teaser – The Reading Corner is on its way!

We have a brand-new section joining our newsletter next week – **The Reading Corner!!** We can't wait to show case the amazing progress of our wonderful children on their reading journey here at Stogursey School and to celebrate our staff and volunteers who support our children along the way!



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Important Dates

Wednesday 27th September:

Friday 20th October:

Monday 23rd October-Friday 27th October:

Monday 30th October:

Monday 13th November- Friday 17th November:

Tuesday 14th November:

Wednesday 15th November:

Thursday 16th November:

Friday 8th December:

Fair Wednesday Inset Day

Last day of term

Half Term

First day back

Anti-bullying week

Parents Evening (long)

Parents Evening (short)

School picture day (siblings and individuals)

Christmas Jumper Day

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