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Hello Everyone,

Beacon

This week pupils Beacon Class have enjoyed continuing their Young Leaders' Award work with Miss Dunwood. They are working really hard to achieve this before the end of the summer term and enjoying every moment of it! We look forward to seeing them achieve and receive their awards at the end of the year.

Year 5 pupils are enjoying learning with Miss Day in the mornings again now that SATs are over. They have been covering decimal place value, addition as well as problem solving whilst revising multiplication and division with fractions - they are incredibly accurate at it, as well as enthusiastic! In English, Year 5 pupils have been brushing up on their reading comprehension skills using a scheme called, 'Comprehension Ninja'. It is such a fantastic, fun way of developing reading skills, building vocabulary and learning about scanning and analysing texts to seek answers to multiple styles of questions which are similar to those found in the KS2 SATs. At the moment, Year 5s have been reading a text all about the Amazon Rainforest and deforestation. Why don't you ask them all about it?

Year 6 pupils completed their SATs with a superb attitude last week. The first day was a bit nerve-racking, but once the first paper was over, everyone breathed a sigh of relief and cheered in joy that it 'wasn't that bad after all'. Every single day the pupils came in to their SATs tests with the most amazing, positive attitude, which was delightful to see! Once all the tests were over, pupils celebrated with a long film afternoon and some relaxation time.

Now that the SATs week is over, Year 6 pupils have been focusing on transition: especially the emotions and questions which arise as anxiety builds around moving to a new school. This work will continue so that all pupils feel ready and supported as they take the next big step in education. Next term, we will have visitors from the secondary schools to come and speak with the pupils who are moving up in September. This will give the pupils the opportunity to ask questions they may have and get to know some of the staff at their new schools.



Alfoxton

In Geography, we have been researching why some rivers are famous and others are not. We have retrieved a number of facts about lots of rivers including; The Amazon, Ganges and Mississippi Rivers. This information will be used next week to discuss why some rivers are famous. In Science we are planning an experiment to find out how to make a light bulb brighter, and will carry out the experiment the following week. During RE, we have been identifying significant events in our lives and what lessons we have taken from them. In English, have also been improving our explanation writing using expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials.

Maddison explained her highlights of the week, "I really enjoyed Art where we learned about Robin Brookes, she does collages and soon we will be planning our own...and before I never really liked fractions



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but I enjoy doing them now,” Oscar continued, “I can’t wait to get even better at fractions - I have been enjoying the Y4 challenges I have been given.



Triscombe

This week we have been reading the book ‘Surprising Sharks’ by Nicola Davies. We have looked at poetry and shared writing, and together we wrote a poem called, ‘Alive and Swimming,’ using adjectives, verbs and nouns.

Alive and Swimming

Bright orange fish
Deep blue sea
Sharp glittery coral
Shiny yellow tails,
wriggling in the seaweed
The salty green world
Scary and amazing
Beautiful!

In RE, together we read the story of Esther, which was about a young Jewish girl who was crowned the Queen of Persia by King Xerxes. The King’s right-hand man Haman wanted all the Jewish people to be killed, but Esther persuaded the king not to do this. The story demonstrated the protective nature of God to all his people. Afterwards the children wrote a comic strip of the story.

Year 2 have covered fractions in Maths this week, the focus being quarters and thirds. Yr1 have been looking at multiplication and division. Reception have been developing their subitizing skills which enables them to see the quantity without having to count the items.

This week in science we are planning to look at how animals move. We will be making a Sugar Glider and then see if the sugar glider can move through the air.



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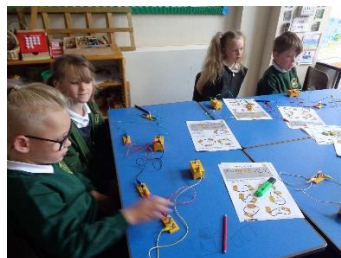
Adventurers

Beacon class continued with their Mexican Cooking theme this week with a scrumptious Butternut Squash Chilli. We are so fortunate to be able to offer cooking sessions to our children here at school, and offer insights not only to different cultures, celebrations and ingredients, but also teach real life skills such as how to make healthy meals and how to read (and follow!) a recipe. For those of you who would like to repeat one of the delicious recipes made, or to continue cooking with your child at home, all the simple recipes we use can be found on www.bbcgoodfood.com Next week is Beacon's last week of cooking for this block, and pupils will use a range of cooking techniques to make a tasty Mexican dessert.

Triscombe children enjoyed learning about the different types of electricity and where electricity comes from wind/solar/hydro. The children learned about safety in the home and were able to identify hazards. The children finished the lesson by understanding how to make a circuit using wires, a switch, a battery and a bulb.

Alfoxton continued with their beach theme this week with an experiment with trays to demonstrate whether a beach with or without rocks had better defences from the sea. One tray had rocks and sand, the other just sand. After taking turns shaking the trays, we agreed that we would prefer to be on a beach with sea defences so that not too much of the sand would be dragged into the sea, and the beach would stay intact. We then did a beach themed sorting activity, where we decided what lives on the beach and its classification; animal, mammal, minibeast, bird or plant.

Tree Planting – In celebration of the King's Coronation the whole school gathered to plant a beautiful Willow tree in the school field in recognition of the King's and school's affinity with nature and wildlife. Several children were chosen to help dig the hole for the tree, and it was placed in its new home by Miss Dunwood. The whole school looks forward to watching it grow and flourish.



Coughs and Colds

We would like to remind parents and carers that following NHS guidance we are only able to only authorise absence for coughs and colds if this is accompanied with a temperature. NHS guidance states that children with minor coughs/colds can attend school, but if accompanied with a high temperature they should stay at home until the temperature has fallen. If your child has repeated absences for coughs/colds/temperatures or if a pattern is developing then the school has to go through the usual attendance processes. If a child has more than 7 days off school due to illness (consecutive or cumulative) the school may ask for medical evidence for further absences. If you unsure whether to keep your child at home, please follow this link for further information [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk).



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Important Dates

Monday 29th May:

Monday 5th June:

Friday 16th June:

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Wednesday 5th July:

Thursday 6th July:

Friday 7th July:

Friday 14th July:

Thursday 20th July:

Thursday 20th July:

Half Term

First day back

Biscuit decorating with FOSS AM

Sports for Schools Event (More details to follow) PM

Move up morning

Secondary Transition Day

Sports Day (weather permitting)

Reports to Parents

Leavers Church Service 2.00-3.00pm

End of school year



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