



# Stogursey C of E Primary & Pre-School

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Hello Everyone,

## Beacon

It's an exciting week this week as Year 5 and Year 6 pupils begin to explore the historical context of the famous poem, The Highwayman. What an amazing poem jam-packed with archaic and unfamiliar vocabulary! Pupils researched with enthusiasm to discover the definition of these new and unique words! Who knew how exciting learning about vocabulary could be?! Casey C found the poem, "lovely because there was romance and a bit of jealousy and it's really interesting because its set from 1680's to the 1980's"

An impromptu debate was held when the children discovered that Bess, the landlord's daughter, had two admirers: The Highwayman, and Tim the ostler. The dilemma... who is her best choice for a partner? The Highwayman – a thief with a loyal heart, or Tim, the ostler – a man who has hair like mouldy hay, yet loves Bess with all his heart.

Most of Beacon decided against Bess choosing Tim as her partner due to his eavesdropping! They decided it showed bad character and jealousy... According to the majority of Beacon Class, The Highwayman may be a thief – but a rich one at least! (Pupils were joking!)

Art and History are interleaving this term with the project, Art Through the Ages. Beacon Class are exploring the big questions, 'What is art?' and 'What forms can art take?' leading to a discovery of how art has had an impact on life for inhabitants of the UK (and in later studies, the world), as well as how it has developed over many years: from pre-history (Neolithic Period) to the current year. Of course, this project is a combination of research, artist study, reflection, self-reflection, evaluation and lots and lots of practical art skill development opportunities! Betsie mused, "I've been enjoying art – I painted what I want to be when I grow up...an artist, so I drew me painting a picture on a canvas," Betsie also enjoyed, "...making our cubes this week, we had to write compliments that people have given us on each side. We can use our cubes when we are feeling low or need a boost." Casey C added, "I really love English – I really love writing, I feel I can't stop writing once I start... I like all kinds of writings, letters, stories, poems."

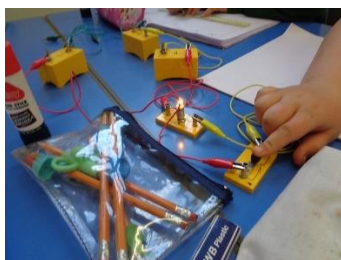
Watch this space for more news about Beacon's final project pieces and the knowledge they acquire along the way!

## Alfoxton

This week in Alfoxton class, we have begun to create a collage. We are recreating one of Robin Brooks' pieces of art. We had lots of fun cutting the paper into the right size and shape and placing carefully onto the paper. Once they are finished, they will be on display in our classroom. Annabella added, "I've almost finished my collage. We've been learning about lots of different artists like Ed Fairburn, who drew on maps...it was a bit hard but we like a challenge." We are also conducting an enquiry this week in science. We are asking the question, 'In a circuit, how could you make a bulb brighter?' Alfie found the science, "Pretty cool – the light bulbs are tiny but it worked, we drew circuits first." As for fractions in Maths Alfie continued, "I can add them and times them but what I really want to do is divide them. Miss Mold makes fractions fun."

In English, we have started to plan our explanation text about the journey of a river from source to sea. We are having lots of fun using our Geography knowledge to help us plan this piece of writing.

We have had a brilliant time at school this term and are looking forward to a well-deserved rest during half term.



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## Triscombe

We have had a very busy week, and have also had lots of opportunities to enjoy the sunshine! Year 2 have now completed their KS1 SATs tests. They worked very quietly and sensibly, I was extremely proud of the effort they put in. We are coming to the end of our work on Surprising Sharks. The children have enjoyed this topic. Reception have created habitats for sea creatures in the water tray, and they drew a wonderful underwater scene with everything in it a shark would need to survive. The KS1 children have produced some wonderful writing, with lots of fascinating information about sharks. Reception have taken their maths learning outside with some practical maths activities. We all enjoyed the sunshine during an art lesson where we collected natural materials from the field to produce land art.



## Adventurers

In Beacon this week we have been cooking Mexican Bisquites. Mrs Payne was amazed at how high they rose and how delicious they were. The children used the rubbing in method to mix the ingredients. Alfoxton completed their beach study with some stone decoration. I'm sure you'll love them when they've been varnished. Triscombe started their topic on Landscape Features with some matching and sorting activities.

After half term, Alfoxton will be cooking Middle Eastern food so I hope you like chickpeas! Please send the children in with food containers so they can take all of their delicious creations home. Triscombe will continue to look at landscape and Beacon will be looking at electrical circuits.



## Little Acorns Pre-school

Last week we had a little visitor from a bumble bee looking a little dizzy and poorly. So, we quickly found their favourite spring food (dandelions) and offered a little sugared water and to our delight the bee came back to life and flew away. This triggered lots of discussion and so last week and this week we have enjoyed the story of The Very Greedy Bee and the children have created some beautiful creative art work. Bbbbbbbuuuuuuuzzzzzzzzzz



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## **Important Dates**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May:

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May:

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June:

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June:

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June:

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July:

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

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July:

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July:

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July:

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July:

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July:

Last day of term

Half Term

First day back

Biscuit decorating with FOSS AM

Sports for Schools Event (More details to follow) PM

Kilve Court Trip

Secondary Transition Day

Sports Day (weather permitting)

Year 6 Leavers Trip

Reports to Parents

Leavers Church Service 2.00-3.00pm

End of school year



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