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Dear Parents and Guardians

We have had a wonderful few weeks here at school; it has been fantastic to see so much positivity, enthusiasm and hard work from our children across all year groups. As we move further into the term, it has been especially lovely to see the sunshine making an appearance. The brighter mornings and lighter afternoons seem to have lifted everyone's spirits, and pupils have been making the most of the outdoor spaces during break times and learning activities.

Classrooms have been busy with exciting lessons, creative projects and lots of opportunities for pupils to challenge themselves. It is always a pleasure to walk around school and see the engagement and curiosity our children bring to their learning. From thoughtful discussions to hands-on activities, the energy in school has been truly wonderful.

A particular highlight this week has been our celebrations for World Book Day. We would like to say a huge well done to all of our pupils for the incredible effort they put into their costumes. It was fantastic to see such a wide variety of characters from favourite books brought to life around the school. It was really wonderful to see some parents and pre-school children also dressing up!

Best Wishes

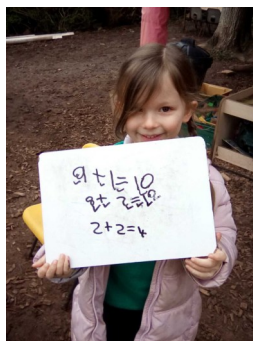
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Head Teacher



Elm Class

This week in Elm Class, we have been exploring number bonds to 10. We have been using the natural resources outside to make two groups and add them together to find the total. Then, we have been making number sentences to show what we have worked out. We have also gone beyond 10 and have made numbers up to 14! As part of our topic, 'Growing and Changing', we have been exploring different life cycles. This week, we have explored the life cycle of a butterfly. Using our cutting skills, we have cut out different pictures of the life cycle of a butterfly and stuck them in the right order.



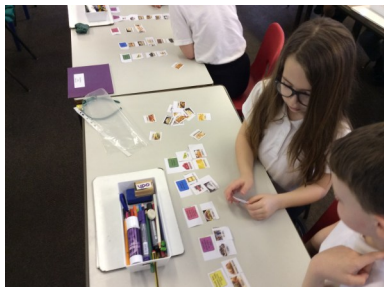
Maple Class

Our design and technology topic this half term is all about designing a chair for Baby Bear. We have made a start by looking at photographs of different chairs, noticing the structure of different chairs and drawing a chair. We have been using the Bee-bots in our computing sessions. We really enjoy this activity; making them move forwards, backwards, left and right. Our maths work has focussed on identifying and making equal groups. We have used the counters to make two or three equal groups and then calculated totals.



Beech Class

Year 2 have had a good start back after half term. We have started our English work by looking at the story of 'The Enormous Crocodile'. The children have used their imaginations brilliantly to think up new ways for 'The Enormous Crocodile' to disguise himself. In maths, we have been looking at the properties of 3D shapes. We have counted faces, edges and vertices and sorted shapes according to their properties. In DT, we have been looking at food groups and started to design our own healthy meals, which we will make later in the term. In geography, we have been using Google Earth to look at our location and compare it to the location of the Island of Coll, which is our topic for this half term. In our science work, we have been looking at how exercise affects the body and we have tested our heart rates before and after physical activity to see what happens. In PE, we have started to practise some tennis skills.



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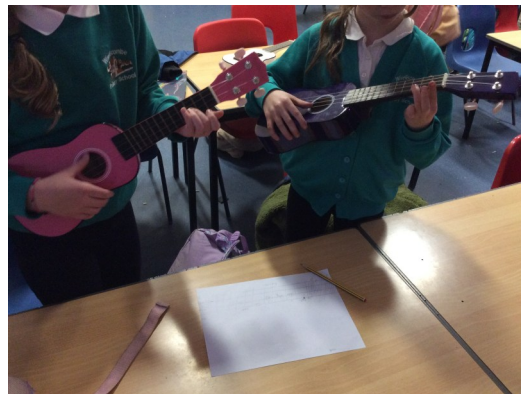
Willow Class

In Willow class this week, we have enjoyed plenty of fun activities to welcome us back to school! We have continued our work on rocks and soils in science, began looking at money in maths and started exploring the Stone-Age in history. We are super excited for our trip in 2 weeks to visit some real Stone-Age caves! This week, we uncovered a hole in our own cloakroom! We had to work as archaeologists to uncover some Stone-Age, Bronze-Age and Iron-Age artefacts. Carefully, we used brushes to move the soil until we found something spectacular! Have a look at some of our finds!



Larch Class

Larch has had a great start back after half term. In science, we have started learning all about the human body, particularly how the digestive system works. We've started writing persuasive leaflets, convincing people to visit Diagon Alley from Harry Potter. In maths, we have been working hard to calculate with decimals. Larch class love talking about and discovering countries, so we were very interested to learn which fruits and vegetables come from which countries in the world – all in preparation for making our own seasonal fruit and vegetable tarts this half term!



Chestnut Class

Year Five have been really enjoying the book 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. We have written excellent character and narrative descriptions. Our use of fronted adverbials has been commendable. In maths, we have been learning how to add and subtract fractions: sometimes where the denominators are the same and sometimes when one fraction needs to be converted. Our RE lessons have focused around the Jewish Torah. We have continued to find out about Greece, but this half term, focusing on geography. We have located where Greece is within Europe and found the key cities. In science, we have been focusing on life cycles. We have found out about the life cycles of mammals, amphibians, insects and birds. In PE, we have been perfecting skills in netball, especially focusing on passes.



Hazel Class

We have had a busy and fun start to Spring term 2. Our new topic is World War 2 and we have started reading our new book 'Letters from the lighthouse' by Emma Carroll, which is a mystery adventure story about a young girl who was evacuated to Devon during the war. In PE, we are doing basketball and this week we focused on our passing and shooting skills. We had a very exciting last day of Spring term as a theatre company came in to work with us. We worked hard to perform Shakespeare's play 'A Midsummer Nights Dream' to the whole school. In science, we have been learning how light travels in straight lines and have identified different light sources.



Spring Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
KS1 Multi-Skills KS1 Miss Constance 3.15-4.15	KS1 Football KS1 Mr Ashworth 3.15-4.15	Ukelele Club KS2 Mrs Hellier & Miss Hansen 3.15-4.15
	Singing Club KS2 Mrs Davies 3.15-4.15	Nature Club Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Mrs Hansen & Mrs Thomas 3.15-4.15
		Football Exeter City 3.15-4.15
		Sewing Club KS2 Miss Bernard 3.15-4.15



Forest School

Before the half term break, all the classes learnt about the lunar new year. This year it is the year of the horse. Reception and Year 1 made horse head bands and had horse races. Year 2 and Year 4 made horses and dragons out of natural materials. Year 3 made hobby horses and had horse races. Year 6 made Chinese noodles and learnt to use chopsticks.



Since we have come back to school, we have enjoyed some sunny weather. Lots of the classes have been involved in digging over the raised beds ready for planting and weeding. We have started to plant sweet peas, courgettes, sunflowers and pumpkins in pots inside, ready to plant outside later in the Spring. Year 2 made journey sticks. Year 3 learnt how to whittle a stick ready for when we cook stick bread in a few weeks time. Year 6 finally put up their bug hotels that they have been busy working hard on last half term. Year 4 started working on the National Education Nature Park Project and started to survey the trees on our school site.

In PE, we have been playing invasion games including bench ball, which Year 5 and 6 have really enjoyed. Last week, we played slide tag which was very popular. Please can the children in Year 2 and KS2 bring their Forest school and PE kit every week for their Forest school session.

If you know anyone who is getting rid of any soil please can you get in touch as we need more soil to fill our raised beds.



Attendance

The Attendance Certificate for the week beginning 09/02/2026 goes to Maple who scored **98.9%**

The Attendance Certificate for the week beginning 23/02/2026 goes to Beech Class for scoring **98.3%**
well done Maple and well done Beech!



Crossing Patrol

We are hugely fortunate to have Crossing Patrol outside of our school at drop off and pick up times. To make best use of this please note the following:

- When you come to the crossing point, please wait on the pavement until Mrs Smy has stopped the traffic and signals you to walk into the road.
- Make sure you always walk in front of her. She cannot protect you if she cannot see you or you are too far away.
- Remember to always walk sensibly across the road, including with your scooter or bike if you have one. Thank you for taking these steps to improve yours and others safety.

To parents parking outside of school at drop off and collection, please do not park on the zig zag lines. This was brought to our attention by the Highways officer that inspects our crossing patrol ladies. She reported

Safeguarding

If you are concerned that a child or young person is being harmed, neglected or is at risk, please speak to Mrs Crowe who is our designated safeguard lead. Alternatively, you can call Somerset Children's Social Care on 0300 123 2224 or childrens@somerset.gov.uk

We have a strict 'No Dogs' policy on the school grounds.

Please can we ask parents not to turn or park in the staff/visitors car park at the beginning or at the end of the day. Our children move through this area.



Our school has a
TEACHER
Ambassador

Dates For The Diary

6th Mar—Striking and Field

12th March— Science Fair 3:30pm

16th Mar—Kents Cavern Trip Year 3

18 Mar—Netball Year 5/6

20th Mar—Red Nose Day

26th March—RSPCA Workshops

1st Apr—Come And Sing Festival KS2 Choir

2nd Apr—Last Day of Term

20th Apr—Return To School

2nd Apr—Exford Farm Trip Reception

2nd Apr—Last Day Of Term

20th April—Return to School

1st May—Multi Sports Festival Year 1

5th May—Class Group Photos

11th –14th May SAT's Week

15th May—Year 6 Games Festival

11th June—Year 6 Leadership Academy

19th June—Multi Sports Festival Reception

25th June—Singing Festival KS2 Choir

6th July—Wizard of Oz Play

15th—17th July Residential Year 4/6

21st July—Last Day of Term

22nd July— Inset Day

Sept 5th—Return to School

Road Safety

Please can you ensure that your children know how to cross the road safely whilst they are walking home. We have heard from the general public that some children are not crossing in safe places and not looking properly. The Somerset Road Safety website offers some advice and activity sheets.

<https://someretroadsafety.org/kids-activity-sheets/>

Please can we ask that the children leave their PE kits in school.



Thank you