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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are delighted to share that we have had a truly wonderful few weeks at school. It has been a joyful and busy time, filled with enthusiasm, creativity, and a strong sense of community across all year groups.

World Book Day was a tremendous success, with both children and staff embracing the occasion by dressing up as their favourite literary characters. It was a particular delight to see some of our parents and preschoolers joining in with the fun. Thank you for helping to make the day so special and memorable for everyone involved.

Last Saturday, a group of staff and pupils enjoyed a fantastic day walking in Exmoor as part of their preparation for the upcoming Exmoor Challenge. This exciting event involves a 16 mile walk across Exmoor, navigated by the pupils themselves. The preparation walk was a great opportunity to build teamwork, resilience, and confidence, and we are very proud of all those taking part.

As we look ahead, we are excited for the brighter days and sunshine that the coming weeks will bring, along with a number of enjoyable events and activities planned for the children.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Best Wishes

Mrs Crowe



Head Teacher



Elm Class

This week in Elm Class, we have enjoyed participating in science week! We have been experimenting, testing and estimating within various activities. We attempted to make bouncy eggs and made a rainbow using skittles. Within our maths learning, we have been looking at measuring. We have used foot templates to measure different objects in our outdoor learning area and predicted how many we would need before we measured the objects. As part of our 'Growing and Changing' topic, we have been exploring different types of seeds. Using various tools, we have been scooping out seeds from different vegetables and discussing the size, colour and texture of each seed.



Maple Class

Recently, We were visited by two lambs that were just a few weeks old. We asked lots of questions about lambs, sheep and farming and really enjoyed seeing them in school. We all looked fabulous on World Book Day! Our costumes were great and we had a huge variety of books and characters.

Our science topic this half term is all about materials. We have made a great start and have looked at, and written about, things made from glass, wood, metal and plastic.



Beech Class

Year 2 have had an incredible science week. We definitely get the prize for the most entries in the science fair this year! Well done to everyone who took part! We enjoyed a very practical science investigation on Friday afternoon. We had to make a boat out of a single sheet of paper and see whose boat would hold the most marbles. The record was 52! It was a very noisy and enthusiastic session! In English lessons, we have been learning about non-fiction writing inspired by 'The Big Book of the Blue.' We have researched some information about whales in our computing sessions to create an information page. In PE, we have been learning some tennis skills. We have played 'keepy-uppy' tennis and 'forehand slalom'. We have been learning to control and keep our eyes on the ball! In maths, we have been learning about fractions of shapes. We have been identifying and counting in halves, quarters and thirds.



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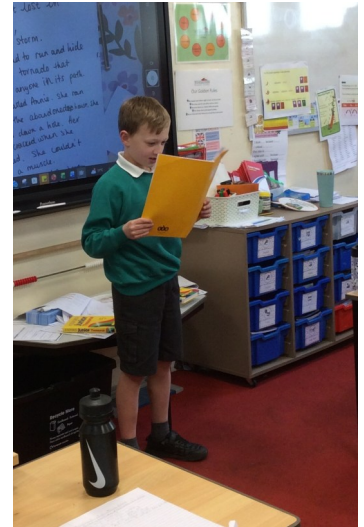
Willow Class

In Willow this week, we had the amazing trip down to Kents Cavern in Torquay to explore and learn about some real Stone-Age caves! We got to walk through parts of the tunnels, discover how they were made, learn about the different rocks and fossils and even got to experience what it would have been like with no lights and just candles to illuminate our way! After, we got to handle some artefacts and replica artefacts. We learnt about the tools they would have used in the Stone-Age times and even got to hold replica skulls of three different human species who would have lived in these very caves! A massive thank you to Amelia from Kents Cavern who was our guide for the day; also a big thank you to the parent helpers who came along!



Larch Class

We have been working really hard at our learning. In between assessments, we have enjoyed writing funny alphabet poems, and some even performed them to the class! We have been practising our basketball skills in PE, ready for a game very soon. In history, we have continued learning all things Vikings and even practised our art skills, drawing a Viking longship. We're looking forward to planning our recipes for DT and eventually baking some seasonal tarts.



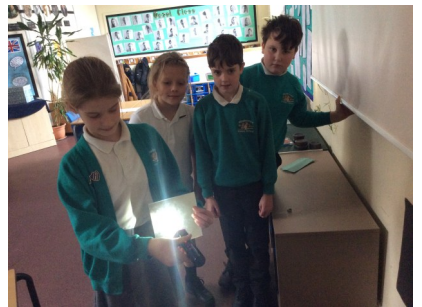
Chestnut Class

Chestnut Class had an excellent Science Week. We used a range of materials to investigate how to build bird's nests. Firstly, we used 3D magnet shapes to design interesting shapes indoors. This allowed us to see how shapes can fit together well. Next, we used magnetic bars and balls to attempt to do the same thing. This was trickier, but we still managed. Finally, we went outside and built bird's nests out of twigs, leaves and other outdoors debris. We made great nests that birds would love to lay eggs in! Separately, in Science lessons, we have found out about a range of life cycles such as: plants, mammals, amphibians, insects and birds. We have used key vocabulary such as: germination, pollination, fertilisation, vertebrates, metamorphosis and characteristics. In geography, we have located Greece within Europe along with key cities. We used maps to explore rural and urban Greece. Also, we compared mainland Greece to Texas. We would certainly like to explore Greece in person!



Hazel Class

We have had a very busy and fun filled week in year 6! On Thursday, we were transported back to the year 1941. We all arrived at school wearing our World War 2 outfits and made our way to Abbey Farm in Glastonbury for an evacuee experience. We learnt about rationing, dig for victory and experienced what life would have been like for an evacuee (we even experienced what an air raid would have been like!). All of the adults that went with us were super proud of our attitude and behaviour. In science, we have been learning about light and we have been investigating reflection. We predicted which materials we thought would be the most reflective and set up an investigation to test them. In maths, we have been calculating the missing angles of triangles and quadrilaterals and applying this information to problem solving activities. In RE, we have continued our learning on Hinduism and have been learning about the festival of Holi.



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

During the week of World Book day all the activities were based around books. Reception class listened to the story of 'The Root Children' and made their own root children with sticks and tissue paper. Year 1 and 2 had a visit from Chris the Crocodile who is a friend of 'The Enormous Crocodile'. Year 2 had to build a crocodile trap for Chris the crocodile and they learnt lots of interesting facts about crocodiles in the wild.

Year 4 listened to the Roald Dahl version of 'The Three Little Pigs' and went on a minibeast hunt to look for animals that are decomposers. Year 6 wrote stories that were set in the 'Forest school' with their own cuddly animal friends.

Last week was science week. Reception class went on a Spring animal hunt and matched adults with their young. Year 1 went on a materials hunt. Year 2 learnt how to use a flint and steel to make a flame. Year 3 learnt about weathering and looked for signs of weathering in the forest school area. Year 4 made 2D pictures of the human digestive system using material found in the forest school area. Year 5 constructed life cycles for forest school animals and Year 6 learnt how to read a 4 figure grid reference on a map.

In PE, we have been continuing with our 'Invasion games' unit of work. One of the new games we have learnt is called slide tag. We have been practising our skills to learn new games and Year 3 really enjoyed playing bench ball in the hall last week. Please remember to bring your PE kit every week to your forest school session.



Science Week

It was Science Week last week and we were all absolutely amazed and incredibly proud of everyone who entered a project in the science fair. The quality of questions, research and presentation was outstanding. From Exmoor ponies to erupting volcanoes to tadpoles to how bubbles are made, the entries were truly fantastic and to such a high standard. The children presented their projects confidently and with passion. Thank you once again for your support with this at home and for attending to make it such a fun and well attended event. Mrs Chesterfield and Mrs Austin had a very difficult decision judging the winning entries. They finally decided on:

Year 1,2 and 3:

First place - Huw

Second place - Jackson

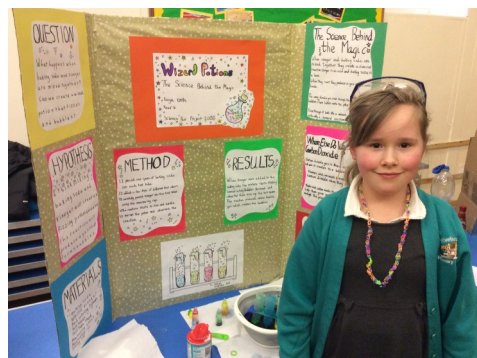
Third place - Evie

Year 4, 5 and 6:

First place - Etta and Arlo

Second place - Flora

Third place - William



Attendance

The Attendance Certificate for the week beginning 02/03/2026 goes to Willow who scored **98.6%**

The Attendance Certificate for the week beginning 09/03/2026 goes to Beech Class for scoring **96.6%**
well done Willow 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

20th Mar—Red Nose Day

24th March—Parents' Evening

26th March Parents' Evening

26th March—RSPCA Workshops

31st March—School Disco

1st Apr—Come And Sing Festival KS2 Choir

2nd Apr—Last Day of Term

2nd Apr—Exford Farm Trip Reception

2nd Apr—Last Day Of Term

20th April—Return to School

24th April—Reception Reading Pulsford Lodge

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://somerseroadsafety.org/kids-activity-sheets/>

Exmoor Challenge Rehearsal

On Saturday 14th March a group of year 6 pupils (accompanied by school staff, volunteers and Archie the forest school dog) took part in a training walk for the Exmoor challenge. We were lucky to have fantastic sunny weather and walked 9.6 miles around Wimbleball lake, down the river Haddeo and finished with a fantastic view at the top of Haddon Hill. All the children walked really well and we look forward to our next practice walk after the Easter holidays.

