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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you, as always, for your continued support this term, it makes a huge difference to our school community. We would also like to extend a special thank you to the PTFA for organising the recent disco. It was a fantastic event that the children thoroughly enjoyed, and we are very grateful for the time and effort that went into making it such a success.

As we look ahead to the new term, we are excited for another busy and successful period of learning and activities. We are also keeping our fingers crossed for some sunshine to enjoy along the way!

Wishing you all the very best over the Easter break.

Warm regards

Mrs Crowe

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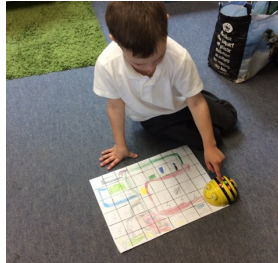
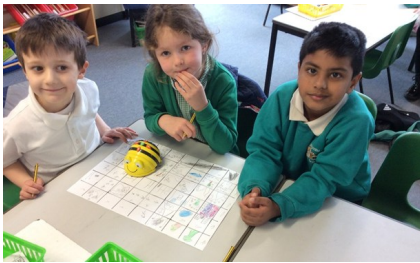
Elm Class

This week in Elm Class, we have been exploring 2-D shapes. In our outdoor learning area, we have explored a variety of 2-D shapes. We have been carefully drawing around them and making them into shape superheroes! Indoors, we have been looking at how 2-D shapes can make other 2-D shapes. We have noticed that two squares make a rectangle and that two triangles make a diamond! We have also enjoyed making different figures using the shapes. We have made flowers, castles and houses.



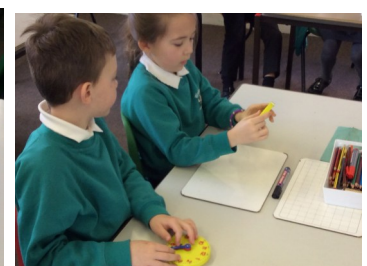
Maple Class

Everyone in Maple Class has continued to enjoy finding out about different materials. Last week, we chose an object, wrote a sentence about the material it was made from and then drew the object. We have worked in groups to create a map for the Bee-bot. We really enjoyed directing the Bee-bot around our maps. Last week, we had a great visit from the RSPCA all about hedgehogs and we all made a clay hedgehog.



Beech Class

This week, we have been writing stories in our English lessons, based on the story of 'Paddington's Easter Egg Hunt'. We have also been looking at a poem called 'The Sound Collector' and writing spring poems of our own. In maths, we have started to learn how to tell the time on an analogue clock, using our own individual clocks to support us to find times past the hour. We have completed our geography topic by comparing the island of Coll with Wiveliscombe and designing our own imaginary islands. Our tennis skills have been developing in PE. We have been practising throwing and catching with one hand and using forehand and backhand grips. In DT, we have made the healthy wraps that we designed earlier in the term, which was trickier than anticipated! We have also had a bonus visit from the RSPCA, who taught us all about hedgehogs. We then made our own lovely hedgehogs out of clay and dry spaghetti.



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Willow Class

This week, we have been very busy learning all about time in maths, writing newspaper reports about the Iron-Age in English and conducting experiments to test soils permeability in science. We have also finished our pneumatic toys in DT and compared the differences between the Bronze-Age and Iron-Age in History. In addition to that, we have been very busy in Forest School this term. We have planted lots of flowers and vegetables ready for the warmer months! We are taking green

issues like gardening very seriously. Look at our potting and the growth of our courgettes, pumpkins, sweet peas, tomatoes and sun flowers.



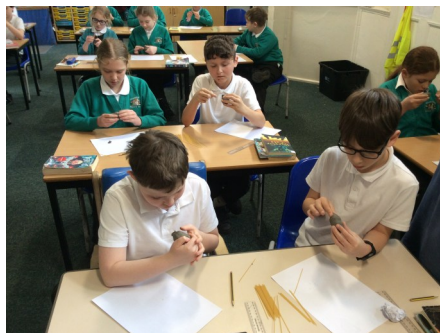
Larch Class

We have had a wonderful few weeks. We have been working extremely hard with our story writing, including changing the 'Little Red Riding Hood' story so that there is a big twist. We did amazingly well during our assessment week, there was great focus and perseverance! We particularly enjoyed becoming hedgehog experts and making clay hedgehogs with the RSPCA. We've also been practising our recorder skills learning new notes. We've all worked very hard and are excited for a restful Easter Holidays.



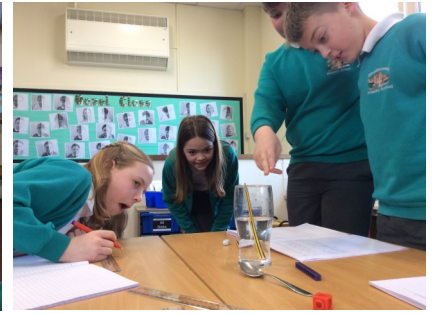
Chestnut Class

Chestnut Class have worked incredibly hard over the last couple of weeks. In English, we have been writing stories, using clear paragraphs. Within this, we have learnt how to indicate degrees of possibility using adverbs and modal verbs. Moreover, we wrote excellent holiday brochures and poems using made up nonsense words. In maths, we have worked exceptionally hard on decimals and now can compare, add, subtract and round decimals securely. We have started working on writing percentages and finding equivalent fractions, and decimals. We have particularly enjoyed making hedgehogs with the RSPCA and finding out more about the geography of Greece. The whole class has had a super term and Miss Bernard wishes you all the best for the future!



Hazel Class

We have had a very busy couple of weeks in Hazel class. In science, we have been learning about the magic of refraction. We tested a variety of different items in water to see which objects refracted the most. In PE, we have continued to practice our basketball skills (especially our dribbling and passing skills) and have had lots of fun playing in teams against each other. A lady called Alex came in to visit us from the RSPCA and taught us about hedgehogs and how to care for them in the wild. After learning about these awesome creatures, we made our own hedgehogs out of clay. In English, we have been journalists and have written our own newspaper reports based on our story 'Letters from the lighthouse'. We have spent time editing and improving our writing, both independently and with editing partners.



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

Finally, the weather was dry enough for all the classes to have a fire during their forest school session. All the children were able to cook bread or a marshmallow on a stick. I was impressed that everyone remembered the fire safety rules and showed safe behaviour when in the fire circle area. We collected lots of dry wood which we have stored away for next time we have a fire.



Last week we were busy getting the beds ready for planting after the Easter holidays. Lots of digging and weeding took place. Mrs Thomas has been really busy watering the seedlings we have been growing inside school on the sunny windowsills. A group of year 3 boys worked really hard to empty the old composters ready to be reused next term.

All the EYFS and KS1 children planted a sunflower. Year 4 did a litter pick around the school grounds and we hope to get out in the local community after Easter as we are taking part in 'The great school clear up'.

I hope we have lots of lovely sunshine over the Easter holidays so the children can spend time outdoors.



Attendance

The Attendance Certificate for the week beginning 16/03/2026 goes to Beech Class who scored **99.3%**

The Attendance Certificate for the week beginning 23/03/2026 goes to Willow Class for scoring **98.3%**
well done Beech and well done Willow!



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.



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Dates For The Diary

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
9th July—Year 6 Production
13th July—Year 6 Production
15th—17th July Residential Year 4/6
21st July—Year 6 Final Assembly to Parents
21st July—Last Day of Term
22nd July— Inset Day
Sept 7th—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/>

