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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful Easter break. It has been truly lovely to see the children return so refreshed, happy and ready for the busy and exciting summer term ahead.

We are looking forward to a range of events and opportunities over the coming weeks, and it promises to be a fantastic term for everyone.

We would like to wish our Exmoor Challenge teams the very best of luck for Saturday. A huge thank you goes to our families and staff for their continued support in preparing for this event. I very much look forward to seeing the teams off on the day.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Kind regards

Mrs Crowe

Head Teacher



Elm Class

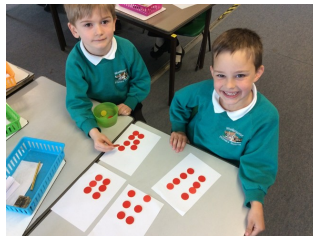
This week in Elm Class, we have started our new topic, 'Once Upon a Time'. We have been enjoying making our own stories in our new role play area outside. We have also enjoyed retelling traditional tales like 'Little Red Riding Hood' and 'Jack and the Beanstalk.' We have had great fun using props, masks and costumes to act out different stories. In the water tray this week, we have been ordering the number ducks from 1-10. We also noticed that the ducks made a pattern.

Super learning, Elm Class!



Maple Class

Everyone in Maple Class has made a great start to the Summer Term. Our maths work is all about sharing equally. We used counters to find different ways of sharing different totals. We were able to explain our learning and talk about what we had done. We have all finished designing and making a chair for Baby Bear. We really enjoyed this project and the finished results looked great. Our English work this week has focussed on the story, 'The Smartest Giant In Town'. We have enjoyed listening to the story and finding rhyming words.



Beech Class

Year 2 have had a great start to the summer term. In English, we have thoroughly enjoyed our work on Dick King Smith's 'The Hodgeheg' and we have written instructions for crossing the road safely. This week we have been reading Roald Dahl's, 'Danny Champion of the World' and we are all really engaged with the story. In maths, we have completed our unit on time and have begun to look at capacity and measuring liquids in millilitres and litres. We have started to learn some cricket skills in PE and it has been brilliant to get up onto the field to do our lessons. Our science this term is all about plants and Mrs Topps has been amazed by the knowledge that some children have already shared! We are conducting an experiment to find out what seeds need to germinate. We have been looking at the village of Tocuaro in Mexico and finding out how life compares to our town and have begun to look at the fascinating life of artist Vincent Van Gogh in our art lessons.



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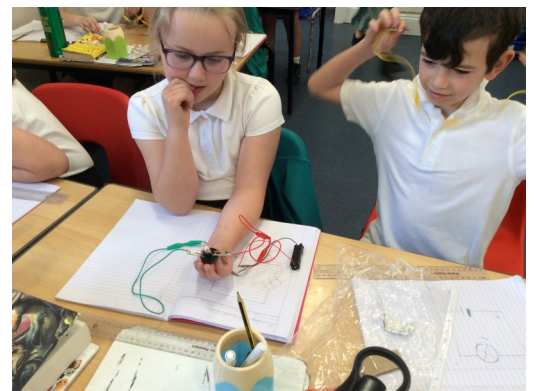
Willow Class

Willow class have had an exciting and busy return to the Summer term! In English, we have written explanation texts and newspaper reports. In maths, we have been looking at bar charts and pictographs. In science, we have started our topic on flowering plants by planting seeds with different conditions to see how they grow. In PE this week, we have started our athletics topic and looked at three different throwing events: discus, javelin and shotput. We now know the difference between the three events, looked at the techniques of each and had a go with all three on the field in the bright sunshine!



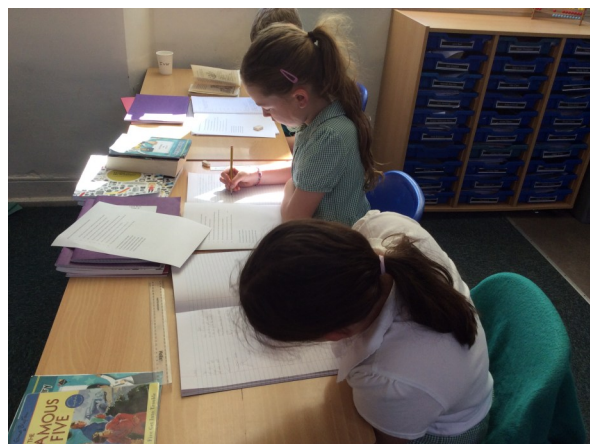
Larch Class

In Larch Class, we have returned with great enthusiasm. In English, we have written some emotional diary entries, based on the book 'Escape from Pompeii'. This week, we are using the same theme to create newspaper reports about Mount Vesuvius. In geography, we are learning all about the UK – the children can now name many more English counties! In Art, we have been practising our sketching techniques, ready to progress our drawing to use perspective next week. We have all shown our scientific skills, creating simple circuits without any instructions. Well done Larch!



Chestnut Class

Year 5 have had a wonderful return after the Easter break: we have been using expanded noun phrases and relative clauses to add description in English, applying our knowledge of angles to calculate missing amounts in shapes, comparing the history of Wiveliscombe with that of Great Britain and making comparisons between Islamic geometric art with Romanticism. We have also begun our exciting new science topic 'Earth and Space' as well as practising verbs in French.



Hazel Class

We have had a very busy start to the Summer term. In English, we are writing our own suspense stories. We are using techniques to build the tension so that we keep our readers on the edge of their seats. In maths and SPAG, we have been busy revising ready for our SATS in a few weeks time. In art, we have been exploring different pencil techniques such as shading, depth of colour, scribbling, circling, hatching and cross-hatching and blending. In PE, we have started our unit on hockey. We focused on how to hold a hockey stick correctly and on our stance. We then moved on to develop our passing skills which was a lot of fun.



Come and Sing 2026

Just before the Easter holidays, children from Year 4, 5 and 6 attended the 'Come and Sing' event at Wellington School. The children had been busy learning songs at singing club for most of last term. The theme for the songs this year was 'Disney Dazzle' and we had 10 songs to learn. At Wellington School our singers joined a choir of about 300 other children from other Primary Schools and spent the afternoon rehearsing before the performance to a large audience of parents in the evening. It was amazing for the children to sing along to a live band and be conducted whilst they sang. The whole experience was a fantastic opportunity for the children; from 'Part Of Your World' to 'Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious', they were all brilliant!

Summer Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Glockenspiel KS2 Mrs Hill 3:15-4:15	Cricket Years 5 and 6 Mr Ashworth 3.15-4.15	Singing Club KS2 Mrs Chesterfield 3.15-4.15
Multi Sports KS2 Miss Constance 3.15-4.15	Craft Club KS1 Miss Hellier 3.15-4.15	Nature Club Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Mrs Hansen 3.15-4.15
Athletics KS1 Mrs Topps 3:15-4:15	Rounders Years 3 and 4 Mrs Davies 3:15-4:15	Exeter City KS2 3:15-4:15



Forest School

Before the Easter break all the children took part in the 'Easter hop' . The KS1 children had 10 minutes and the KS2 children had 20 minutes to run laps of the school grounds. The weather was sunny and I was impressed with the way the children from EYFS to Y6 took part in the event and showed determination and perseverance to complete as many laps as they could. Well done everyone. The children also took part in egg and spoon races and other egg related challenges.



This last week we have been busy getting the raised beds ready for planting. All the seedlings are having an extended break in Mrs Hansen's polytunnel before they come back to school, once the risk of frost has passed. Every class got involved with weeding, digging, replanting seedlings and raking over the soil. The older children also helped prepare the beds for the younger children, so every class has a plot of their own.

EYFS and Year 1 listened to the Brambly Hedge, Spring story by Jill Barklem. The children also went on a Spring flower hunt. The KS2 children played a game to learn the 8 points of the compass as they will be working their way through the outdoor discovery award (ODA) this term.



Attendance

The Attendance Certificate for the week beginning 30/03/2026 goes to Beech Class who scored **97.4%**

The Attendance Certificate for the week beginning 20/04/2026 goes to Beech Class for scoring **99.7%**
well done Beech! Two weeks running!



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

1st May—Multi Sports Festival Year 1
 5th May—Class Group Photos
 11th –14th May SAT's Week
 15th May—Year 6 Games Festival
 15th May—Reception Singing at Pulsford Lodge
 19th May—Big Brush Club
 21st May—Year 1 Steam Train to Minehead
 25th May—Last day of Term
 1st June—Return To School
 1st June— Year 4 & Year 6 Swimming
 5th June— Inset Day
 11th June— Year 2 Trip to Tropiquaria
 11th June—Year 6 Leadership Academy
 12th June—Year 5 & Year 3 Swimming
 12th June—Reception Singing at Pulsford Lodge
 15th June—Year 4 & Year 6 Swimming
 18th June—New Reception Parents Meeting 6pm
 19th June—Multi Sports Festival Reception
 19th June—Year 5 & Year 3 Swimming
 22nd June—Year 4 & Year 6 Swimming

24th June—Sports Day
 25th June—Singing Festival KS2 Choir
 25th June Sports Day (Reserve)
 26th June—Year 5 & Year 3 Swimming
 29th June—Year 4 & Year 6 Swimming
 29th June—Careers Week
 2nd July—Stay And Play Sessions New Reception 26
 3rd July —Year 5 & Year 3 Swimming
 6th July—Wizard of Oz Play
 9th July—Year 6 Production
 10th July— Year 5 & Year 3 Swimming
 10th July—Reception Singing At Pulsford Lodge
 10th July—Wiveliscombe Has Talent
 13th July—Year 6 Production
 13th July—Year 4 & Year 6 Swimming
 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://someretroadsafety.org/kids-activity-sheets/>

Parking Outside of School

Somerset County Road Safety were observing our Crossing Patrol last week. They were very concerned at the parking situation outside of the school. Unfortunately, due to the dangerous nature of the parking observed, we have been instructed to report registration numbers to the police.

