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Dear Parents and Guardians

We have had a wonderful start to what promises to be a very busy and exciting half term ahead. The children have returned with great enthusiasm, and there is already a fantastic buzz around the school.

A huge congratulations to Theo in Year 5, who recently attended and won the Pride of Somerset Charity/Volunteer Hero Award for his outstanding contribution to improving our community. Theo collected rubbish to raise funds for Surfers Against Sewage, demonstrating remarkable commitment, kindness and determination. This is an incredible achievement, and we are all extremely proud of Theo for the positive difference he has made both locally and beyond.

As we move through the remainder of the term, there is so much happening across the school. Please take some time to check your diaries and calendars carefully, as there are many exciting events, trips, performances and celebrations planned in the run-up to the summer holidays. We look forward to sharing these special moments with you and your children.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Best wishes

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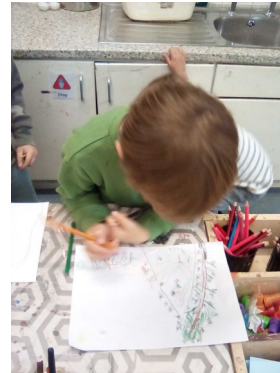
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Our school has a
**TEACHER
Ambassador**

Elm Class

This term in Elm Class, we are exploring animals and their habitats. In our indoor provision, we are exploring different types of minibeasts and where we may find them. In our craft area, we have been creating drawings and models of different minibeasts and their habitats. In our outdoor provision, we have continued our exploration of odd and even numbers. We have been identifying towers of odd numbers and even numbers and extending our learning to put odd and even numbers in the correct order, noticing a pattern as we did it. Super learning, Elm Class.



Maple Class

Our topic this term is all about the seaside. Everyone in Maple Class had a wonderful time when we went to Minehead on the steam train just before half term. The train journey was really exciting, there were lots of interesting things to see from the train and we were all very happy when we spotted the sea. We arrived in Minehead in time for lunch and the weather was kind to us. We really enjoyed walking along the sea front and spending some time playing on the beach. We built castles, hunted for sea glass and used the beach stones to create our own buildings. Finally, we went into the museum in Minehead before heading back to school on the coach. We all thoroughly enjoyed our day!



Beech Class

We have had a great start back to our final half term in Year 2! We have started to read a story called, 'The Boy Who Grew Dragons' and we have made predictions about what we think will happen in the story. In maths, we have been measuring mass in kilograms and grams. We have made predictions about what items will weigh and then carried out the measuring using balance scales and weights. In science, we have started to think about micro-habitats around the field and playground. We have drawn maps and marked on the creatures we have found. We have used computers to research larger habitats, such as the rainforest, and we have started to think about how animals adapt to the environment in which they live. In DT, we have begun our sewing project. We will be making pencil cases and have had a successful session threading needles and have started to have a go at using a running stitch.

Our PE topic this term, is athletics. We have enjoyed throwing foam javelins and using tennis balls and quoits to practise discus and shotput.

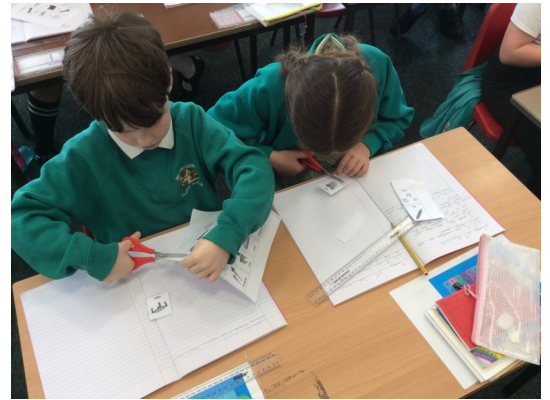
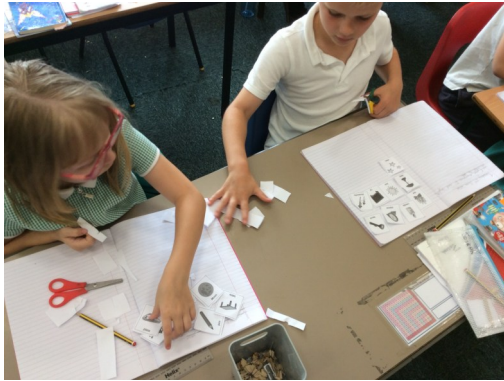


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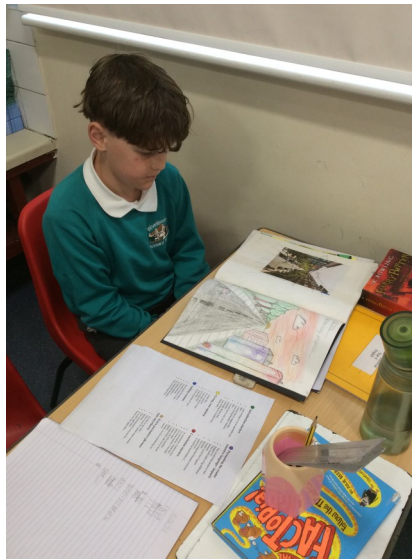
Willow Class

In Willow, we have enjoyed a lovely return to school and we are ready to take on the final challenge of Year 3! We have written instructions in English. Learned about angles in maths and we are prepared for our first time swimming with school, including PE down at the Rec! In Science, we have begun our topic on light and shadows. We looked at what makes an object a light source and then organised them into groups. We discovered that the moon is not actually a light source, and that it only lights up because it is reflecting the Sun!



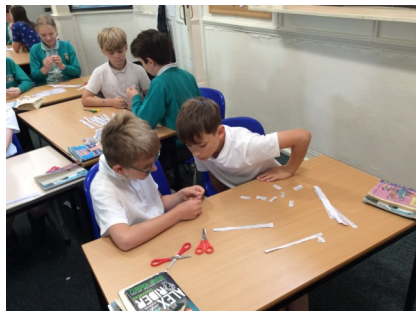
Larch Class

Larch have had a great couple of weeks back. In English, we have written persuasive letters – most have written to Mrs Crowe asking for extra breaktime! In maths, we have all worked incredibly hard working on our multiplication and this week we have finally completed our Multiplication Checks. Good work Larch! We have started learning about the Tudors in history and all about Henry VIII. We have also continued practising our recorder skills while starting a new song.



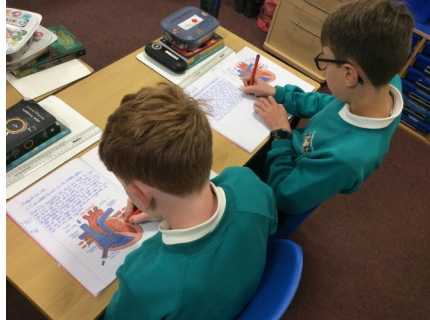
Chestnut Class

It has been a wonderful few weeks in Year 5 as we return after the half term break. We have begun reading 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' and for our first piece of written work linked to this text, we have written character descriptions for one of the Dursley family members. We have been working hard on varying our sentence openers and this has made a huge difference to our learning! In maths, we have been learning about area and perimeter and calculating compound shapes. We have also developed our understanding of the solar system by learning about orbit in science. A real highlight of our most recent learning was when we were visited by Mrs Thompson to conclude our history unit about the local town; she was able to tell us about how the school used to look when she first arrived here over 30 years ago! It was wonderful to look through old photographs and imagine how the school has changed



Hazel Class

We have been very busy in Hazel class preparing for the fun and exciting half term ahead. Last week, Kingsmead school came in to visit us to tell us all about life at Kingsmead and we were able to ask lots of questions. In English, we watched David Attenborough's video 'Human worlds' to help us imagine what life would be like if we were a plant. We wrote some wonderful first-person narratives as confident roses, independent cacti and sad dandelions who just want to be noticed. In science, we have been learning about the circulatory system. We began by learning about the important role of blood. We then moved on to learn about the heart and how it pumps blood around our bodies so that we get the oxygen and nutrients that we need. In history, we have been learning about crime and punishment throughout history. We began by looking at the brutal punishments from the Roman times and this week we looked at the punishments from the Anglo-Saxon period. We compared it to our current system and agreed that we thought our modern punishments were a lot fairer. We are busy rehearsing for our Year 6 production of Shrek and have started making scenery and putting dance moves to songs - we are all very excited to share this with you.



NEW GUIDANCE FOR SCHOOLS: jewellery and earrings during PE and sporting activities

- jewellery should be removed at home before school on PE days
- schools cannot accept disclaimers or waivers relating to jewellery injuries
- piercings ears at the start of the summer is recommended to allow healing time

Please also ensure;

- your child has a full PE kit in school
- your child has appropriate forest school clothing that covers arms and legs

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

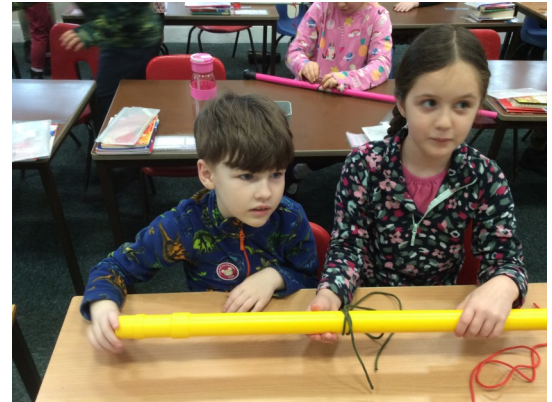
Forest School

Despite the wet weather, we have been busy at Forest School. Year 6 have made butter knives and made garlic bread on the fire as an after-SAT's treat. Year 5 have worked very hard to produce posters for our Eco school's actions to reduce the use of paper towels in school and reduce food waste. Year 4 have been making charcoal and whittling elder into pencils. Year 3 enjoyed a really fun lesson making paint using charcoal and last week, despite the rainy weather, learnt how to tie a reef knot and a clove hitch so they can make shelters later this term.



Reception class made houses out of straw, sticks and bricks for the 3 little pigs. All of KS1 have been busy bug hunting and found a variety of different minibeasts in our forest school area. All the classes and especially the children who attend nature club have been extremely busy planting and weeding. A big thank you to Mr Alexander for watering the veg beds during the hot half term. All the rain during the last week has caused all the plants to really start growing.

Please make sure your child has their Forest School Clothes and PE kit for every session.



Attendance

The Attendance Certificate for the week beginning 18th May 26 goes to Beech Willow Class who scored **96.2%**

The Attendance Certificate for the week beginning 1st June 26 goes to Beech Class for scoring **100%**
well done Beech and 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.

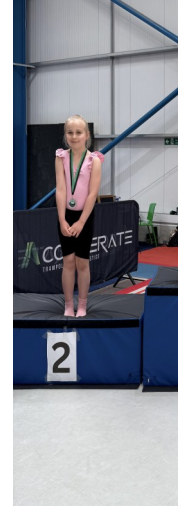


Competition Winners

We would like to congratulate Pip and his pony Tyrone who won multiple rosettes in a show jumping competition.

We would also like to Congratulate Megan and Otis who won silver medals in a trampolining competition. Megan then went on to secure another silver medal in gymnastics.

Well done to you all and keep up the good work!



Dates For The Diary

12th June—Year 5 & Year 3 Swimming
 12th June—Reception Singing at Pulsford Lodge
 15th June—Year 4 & Year 6 Swimming
 15th June—Year 3/4 Cross Country
 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
 22nd June—Year 5/6 Cross Country
 23rd June—Inclusive Strike and Field Festival
 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
 7th July—Nursery children to Reception
 10th July—Wiveliscombe Has Talent
 25th June—Singing Festival KS2 Choir
 25th June— Sports Day (Reserve)
 25th June—Year 3/4 Mini Tennis Friendly
 25th June—Year 5/6 Swimmig Festival

26th June—Year 5 & Year 3 Swimming
 29th June—Year 4 & Year 6 Swimming
 29th June—Careers Week
 30th June—Moving Up Day
 30th June— Year 6 Transition Day to Kingsmead
 1st July— Year 6 Transition Day To Kingsmead
 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
 17th July—Year 5 & Year 3 Swimming
 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/>

