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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have had a wonderful few weeks here at school! The children have been working hard, showing kindness, and taking part in lots of exciting activities. As we move towards the festive season, we're really looking forward to all the joy and celebrations that the build-up to Christmas brings.

A huge well done to Theo in Year 5 for his exceptional litter picking in our community! Theo has shown fantastic dedication and care for our local environment — we are all very proud of his efforts to help make our area a cleaner, better place.

We look forward to sharing celebrations with you later in the term so please check our diary dates to avoid disappointment.

Best wishes

Mrs Crowe
Head Teacher



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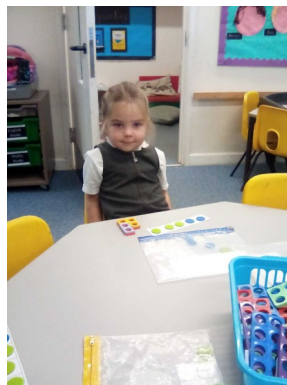
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Our school has a
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Elm Class

In Elm Class, we have been exploring Bonfire Night and creating our own fireworks. We have been creating our fireworks with different materials, including pipe cleaners, paint and cardboard toilet rolls! We thought carefully about the colours we wanted to use and imagined what the fireworks sound like. Whizz, crackle, bang! In our maths learning this week, we have been investigating different ways to make 5. We have been using different resources such as numicon and five frames and counters to find different ways.



Maple Class

Just before half term, we had a wonderful walk around Wiveliscombe. The children looked at the local amenities and buildings in the town. Back at school, we looked at a local OS map of the area and noticed the places we had visited on the map. In English, we have enjoyed reading and writing Autumn poems. We also looked at Autumn leaves. We enjoyed collecting words about Autumn to use in our writing. We have also written rhyming poems about different animals. One recent task in our art books was to make a repeated print pattern, something that the children really enjoyed doing.



Beech Class

Year 2 have had a great start to the second half of this Autumn Term. We are learning our songs and practising hard for our Nativity. We have started our topic on WW1 and have been looking at artefacts from the war. In our English lessons, we have been reading a lovely story called 'Stubby-a true Story of Friendship', which tells the story of a brave little dog who found himself joining the war effort in France and using his senses to assist the soldiers. In maths, we have been adding and subtracting ten from any number using our number fact knowledge to help us. We enjoyed experimenting with different materials in science to investigate whether they were waterproof enough to make a weather proof coat.

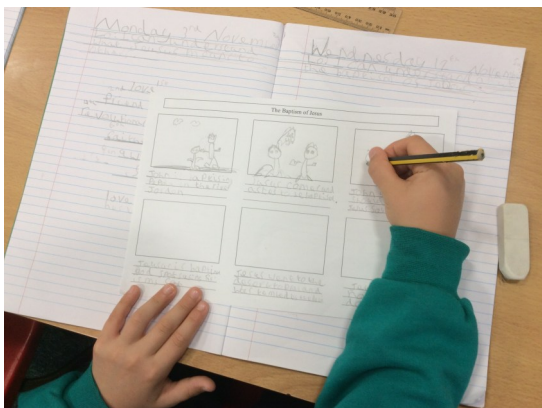


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Willow Class

We have had a great return to school in Willow class! We have continued our learning of number in maths. In English, we have written some newspaper reports and non-chronological reports. We have started our topic of the Ancient Egyptians. In Science, we are studying forces and magnets. In RE, we have looked at the story of Jesus being baptised and talked about the importance of his baptism. We labelled and drew story boards to show the story and furthered our understanding of why this was an important event.



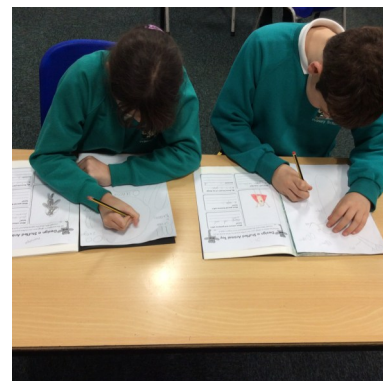
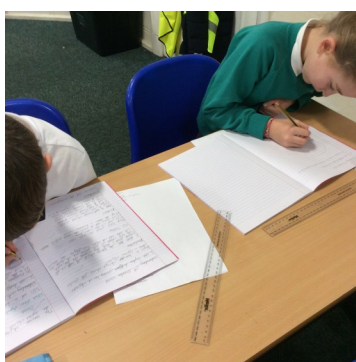
Larch Class

What a great start to Autumn 2 in Larch class! We have immediately jumped back into English by writing some wonderful character descriptions of the Iron Giant. In Maths, we have been calculating perimeter. In Design and Technology, we have started a project on designing and sewing our own tote bags! We have started learning about the Anglo-Saxons: what happened after the Romans left Britain and how the Anglo-Saxons invaded. We're very excited for what's to come for the rest of the term.



Chestnut Class

We have been very busy since our return from half-term. We have started to look at our design and technology project 'soft toys' we are very excited to continue with this. In topic, we are learning about the Victorians, how they lived, the effect of the Industrial Revolution. We are currently reading 'Street Child' in English which will add to our knowledge of the Victorian era. We have decided that we would not like to live in a workhouse! In Maths, we are continuing to look at ways to help ourselves when completing mental addition and subtraction calculations. We have been investigating patterns between calculations to make it easier to solve tricky problems in our heads. We are really looking forward to our trip to the Wellington Community Farm on Friday to find out about seed dispersal to help with our science knowledge.



Hazel Class

In English, we have started our new novel 'Lightning Mary, which is about the life of Mary Anning and her life in Lyme Regis. We have used speech and careful vocabulary choices to write amazing descriptions of Mary's time on Black Ven looking for fossils. In science, we have been learning about inheritance and adaptation. We started by playing a game of guess who and looked at what traits are inherited from our genes and which traits are due to environmental factors. We moved on to look at how plants and animals have adapted over time to be better suited to the environment in which they live. We were proud to represent our school at the Wiveliscombe

Remembrance Service. After the two-minute silence, we laid our poppy wreath on the war memorial and then had the opportunity to ask the Royal British Legion questions. Mrs Chesterfield was incredibly proud of the maturity and respect we showed throughout the service.



Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Art Club KS2 Miss Bernard 3.15-4.15	Dodgeball KS2 Mr Ashworth 3.15-4.15	Singing Club Year 4, 5 and 6 Mrs Chesterfield 3.15-4.15
Craft Club Year 1 and 2 Miss Constance 3.15-4.15	Netball Year 4, 5 and 6 Miss Hellier 3.15-4.15	Film Club Years 1 and 2 Mrs Davies 3.15-4.15
T1 Rugby Club Year 5 and 6 Mrs Topps 3:15-4:15	Football KS2 Exeter City 3:15-4:15	Gardening Club Years 4 and 5 Mrs Hansen 3.15-4.15

Forest School

In the week before half term the theme for KS2 was Spiders. All the children listened to a Myth called 'How Grandmother spider stole the sun'. Year 3 and 4 made spiders webs out of sticks and spiders from natural materials. Year 5 made spiders from clay. Year 6 made spiders webs using wool and sticks.

Year 2 had an inside forest school due to the weather. They played spider tag in the hall, learnt about spiders and made some finger spiders to take home. Reception and Year 1 read the story 'Meg and Mog' and made magic wands using sticks and leaves.

Last week we celebrated Bonfire night. Reception class went on a welly walk. Year 1 learnt about fire work safety and cooked marshmallows on the fire. Year 2 also had marshmallows on the fire and learnt about Guy Fawkes.

All the KS2 children had a fire and cooked toffee apple slices on the fire. In the previous weeks all the KS2 children have been practicing using the 'flint and steel' to create a spark. Year 6 got to make mini fires and used the flint and steel to start their fire.



Forest School Schedule	Morning	Afternoon
Tuesday	Year 4	Year 5
Wednesday	Year 1 followed by Reception	Year 6
Thursday	Year 3	Year 2



Attendance

The Attendance Certificate for the week beginning 20/10/2025 goes to Elm Class scoring **98.4%**

The Attendance Certificate for the week beginning 03/11/2025 goes to Willow Class scoring **99%**

Well done Beech and Elm!



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 that it is dangerous crossing the children with cars parking in restricted places.

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.

21st Nov—International Day
 26th Nov—Cinderella Lost In Space
 27th Nov—Year 5/6 Dodgeball
 1st Dec—Year 5/6 Aquasplash
 4th Dec—Football Fun Factory
 5th Dec—Animals 2U Southwest Year 3
 8th Dec—Year 3/4 Aquasplash
 9th Dec—KS1 Nativity
 11th Dec—KS1 Nativity
 12th Dec—Year 5 Victorian Day
 15th Dec—KS2 Rehearsal Christmas Concert
 18th Dec—KS2 Christmas Concert St Andrew's
 19th Dec—Last Day Of Term

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 5th Jan—Inset Day
 6th Jan—Return To School
 12th Feb—Year 5/6 Play In A Day

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/>

100 Day Litter Pick Challenge

Theo has completed 100 days of litter picking and has collected more than 130kg of rubbish. Well done Theo the Eco-Warrior.

