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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent **Online Safety and Mobile Phones** session. The discussion proved to be both informative and very useful.

The session highlighted how important it is for schools and families to work together to support children in staying safe online. We were encouraged by the thoughtful questions and the experiences shared, which helped make the session so valuable.

Along with this newsletter, I am sending some additional information and guidance to help advise parents on supporting safe and responsible use of mobile phones and online platforms at home. We hope you find these resources helpful and practical.

If you were unable to attend the session but would like further information or support, please do not hesitate to contact the school. We are always happy to help.

Thank you once again for your continued support in keeping our children safe.

Best wishes

Lucy Crowe

Head Teacher

Supporting Children's Safety With Mobile Phones.

Supporting children's safety is a shared responsibility between families, schools and wider society.

The Children's Commissioner has published a guide for parents on managing children's digital lives.

This guide was written with the direct involvement of children in England. It is a reflection of their views. Please find the link below.

[What I wish my parents or carers knew: A guide for parents on managing children's digital lives.](#)



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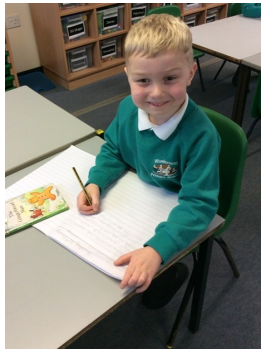
This week in Elm Class, we have been reading 'Noah and the Very Big Boat'. Inspired by the story, we created boats of our own, thinking about what materials we may need and the different parts of a boat. We then tested them in the water to see if they would float or sink! We have also been practising our writing outside. We have been writing sentences which include capital letters, finger spaces and full stops!

In our maths learning this week, we have been exploring making and comparing different amounts using five and ten frames. We have had to spot patterns within the amounts and use our subitising skills as well. Great learning, Elm Class!



Maple Class

Our topic work this half term is all about the United Kingdom. We have looked at a map of the U.K and have coloured in the countries. We have also talked about the capital city of each country. One of our recent English stories has been 'The Gingerbread Man'. We have answered questions about the story and written our own version of the story. In science, the children have planted sunflowers seeds and are eager to watch them germinate and grow over the next few weeks.



Beech Class

This week, we have been using money in our maths lessons. We have added coins and notes and explored ways to make the same amount of money using different coins. In English, we have started to look at explanation text writing. We have invented our own flying machines and written an explanation text of our own to explain how our inventions work. In art, we have been thinking about patterns and textures and have been using wax crayons to create our own patterns by making rubbings. We have made some pattern tiles to print with and we are all looking forward to printing with ink next week. We have been thinking about the stages of the human life cycle in our science lessons and drawing and explaining how we can do things differently as we get older. In PE, we have been practising gymnastics and working on rolling and balancing in different ways.

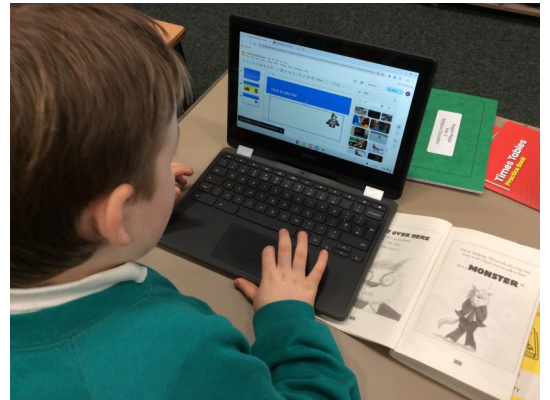


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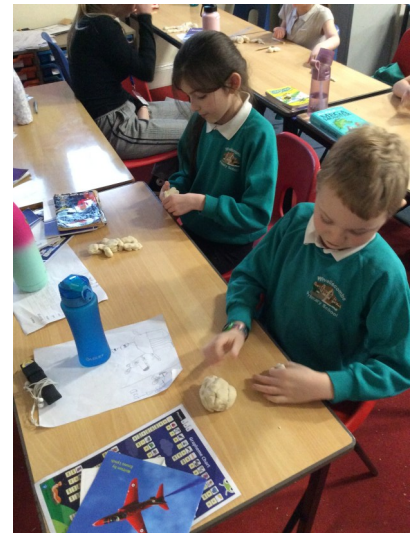
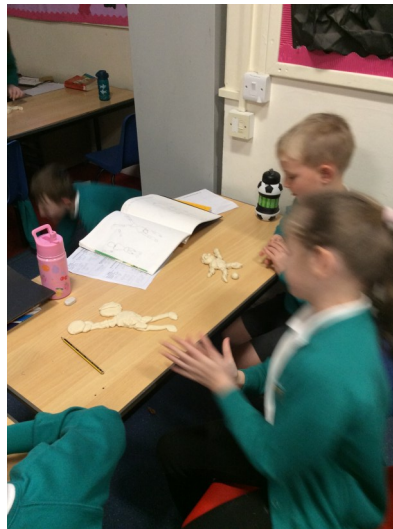
Willow Class

The past two weeks have been very busy in Willow Class. We have been writing myths and letters in English, tackling challenging column subtraction questions in maths and creating E-books in computing. To create our E-books, we used google slides and learnt about the transitions between each slide. We also played with the font, colour and theme to make sure our books were appealing. We were also incredibly lucky to have Marie visit us from Animals2you South West. She brought with her lots of different creatures: ferrets, snails, frogs and a snake! We got to learn about each animal before having the chance to come and either stroke or touch them.



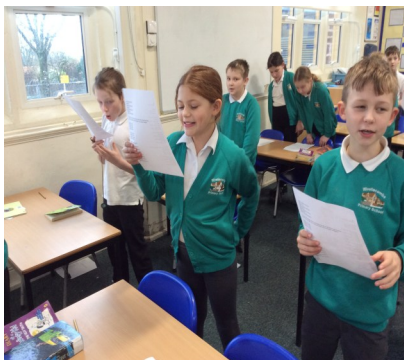
Larch Class

What an exciting few weeks back! We have been inspired with art. We practised making our sculpture poses using homemade playdough. In music, we have started learning a new song. We have used our knowledge from last term's recorder playing. In English, we've been reading and writing about the 'Firework Maker's Daughter' a book we have all enjoyed! In science, we have been learning all about vertebrates and invertebrates and classifying different animals, including using a classification key. Well done Larch class!



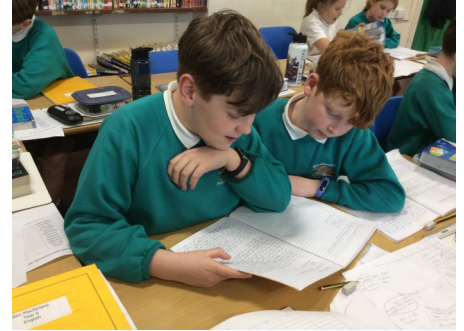
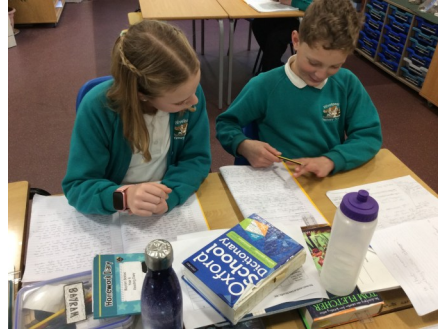
Chestnut Class

We have spent time finding out about the Ancient Greeks. We have ordered main events of the era on a timeline and have found out about the Government, Science and Technology and Medicine. In science, we have understood how different animals reproduce, found more out about the gestation of animals and described a human's life cycle. In RE, we have been learning about Jewish 'coming of age' ceremonies and the festival Yom Kippur.



Hazel Class

In maths, we have been working hard to calculate fractions of amounts and have applied our understanding to problem solving. In English, we have read the African tale 'Mufaro's beautiful daughters' and have written our own narrative stories from the perspective of one of the characters. We worked hard to include speech, parenthesis and a range of punctuation in our writing. We also spent time editing and improving our writing carefully with partners. In geography, we have been learning about the different biomes that make up our planet and have started researching information about the climate, fauna, flora and ecosystems found in a biome of our choice. In music, we have been working hard to add a two-part harmony, rhythm and actions to the song 'throw, catch'.



Spring 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 3:15-4:30	Gardening Club Years 4 and 5 Mrs Hansen 3.15-4.15

Forest School

The conditions at forest school have been very wet and extremely muddy. However, all the classes have been making birdfeeders so that we can take part in the 'Big School Birdwatch'. Unfortunately, the weather has been very wet and windy, so the birds have been hiding away. So instead, we did a virtual birdwatch and the children have been learning how to identify the birds on picture cards, which were hidden all around the forest school area.

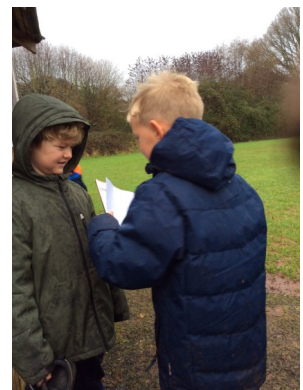


Inside, the children have been taking part in lots of activities to improve their bird knowledge. This has included bird bingo, bird colouring and bird top trumps. Year 6 have been making bug hotels which, once they are finished, will be located around the school grounds to give a variety of insects a new home.

We have also been playing lots of team games. These have included some old favourites including: What's the time Mr Wolf?, crows, crabs and cranes and some new games such as cat and mouse which the children have really enjoyed.

Please can you send a spare pair of socks for your child for Forest school sessions, as due to the very wet and muddy conditions many children are getting wet socks and need a dry pair to put on when they get changed.

We are looking forward to some better weather in the coming weeks.



Attendance

The Attendance Certificate for the week beginning 12/01/2026 goes to Beech who scored **99.3%**

The Attendance Certificate for the week beginning 19/01/2026 goes to Willow Class for scoring **100%**
well done Beech and a big well done to 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

9th Feb—Year 4 Net And Wall Festival

12th Feb—Year 5/6 Play In A Day

5th Mar— Evacuee Experience Glastonbury Year 6

6th Mar—Striking and Field Festival Year 5

20th Mar—Red Nose Day

26th March—RSPCA Workshops

1st Apr—Come And Sing Festival KS2 Choir

2nd Apr—Last Day of Term

20th Apr—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/>

Smartphone Free Childhood

Is a collective of parents who are interested in a childhood, free of smartphones, in Wiveliscombe.

If you would like to join their Whatsapp group please scan the QR code.



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