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Dear Parents and Guardians

We have had a wonderful few weeks at school and it has been lovely to see the children so engaged in their learning. Classrooms have been busy with exciting lessons, creative activities and lots of positive achievements across the school. We are incredibly proud of how hard the children have been working and the enthusiasm they bring each day.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It makes a huge difference to the school community and helps us provide the very best experiences for our pupils.

As we come to the end of this half term, we would like to wish all of our families a happy and restful week ahead.

Best Wishes

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Lucy Crowe

Head Teacher



Forest School/P.E

Your child will continue to enjoy an additional P.E session on Forest school days next half term.

Please remember to ensure your child has their P.E kit in school.



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Elm Class

This week, we have been enjoying the story, 'Splish, Splash Splosh'. We have looked closely at where water comes from and how we use it. In our outdoor learning area, we have been working as a team to build our own dams. This required us to use our problem-solving skills and lots of critical thinking to build effective dams. To develop our fine motor skills, we have created a 'funky fingers station' inside the classroom. This week, we have been using small nails and 2-D shapes to create different models including, rockets and houses. In our craft area this week, we have been creating weather pictures using different materials like tissue paper.



Maple Class

Our English work has focussed on the story, 'Room on the Broom', by Julia Donaldson. We really enjoyed listening to the story and looking at the illustrations. We have made a list of rhyming words from the story and have written our own version. In our art lessons, we have been making a collage from paper in the style of Picasso. We have done some brilliant cutting and sticking and our finished pictures look great! Our maths work has focused on solving word problems, we created our own word problems to solve.



Beech Class

We have been looking at explanation texts. We have invented our own flying machines and written explanations about how they work. In maths, we have been looking at 2D shapes and symmetry. We have had some tricky sessions using rulers to draw accurate shapes onto square and dotted paper. In art, we have completed our topic with a very successful printing session. We made tiles from polystyrene and then used them to print patterns with poster paint. In history, we have completed our final session on 'The Great Fire of London' by looking at the diary of Samuel Pepys and thinking about primary and secondary sources of historical evidence.



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Willow Class

We have had an exciting few weeks in Willow class before our February break! We have created our own myths in English and mastered column addition and subtraction in maths, to name a few! We have been really excited about our science topic this term, learning all about rocks and fossils. We look forward to continuing this after the break and visiting some real-life caves to experience more! This week, we made our own imprints of fossils using salt dough. We needed to make sure it was firm enough to make our imprint and then let it set. Our photos show our process.



Larch Class

Larch has had a wonderful couple of weeks. We wrote some exciting adventure stories, when we finished reading the 'Firework Maker's Daughter'. We've been learning all about earthquakes and volcanoes in geography. In art, we've started making our wire sculptures and adjusting them into sports-style positions! This week, we spent a fun filled morning at the Blackbrook Pavillion, learning and practising all different kinds of ball skills.

We all joined in enthusiastically and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.



Chestnut Class

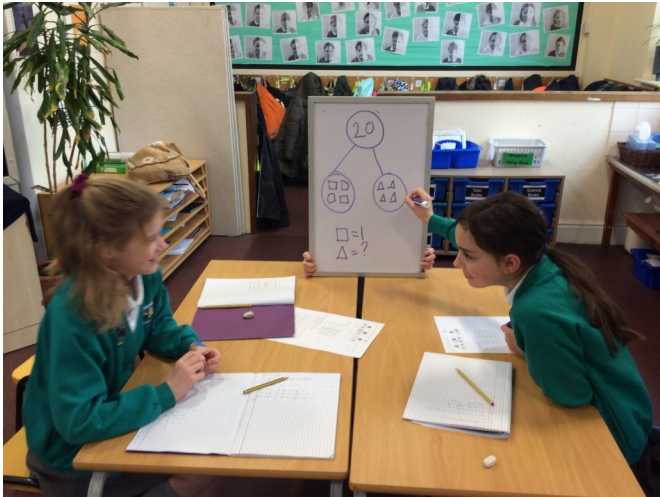
We have had a super half term. We have progressed well in our understanding of fractions, converting between improper fractions and mixed numbers, finding equivalent fractions and adding and subtracting fractions. In English, we have used fronted adverbials to write a first person story. In maths, we have been focusing on parenthesis and are confident with using brackets. It has been super to see the level of enthusiasm in PE! We have been creating our own dance moves based on a space theme. Moreover, the class has been excellent at following 'Just Dance' routines on popular songs. In music, we have been learning a song called Madina Tun Nabi. We have been split into two groups and follow one part each. The final result was very harmonious. Our history topic on Ancient Greece has been greatly enjoyed. We have learnt the names and facts of the gods and goddesses, made inferences from sources and compared the

Ancient Greek Olympics with the modern day ones.



Hazel Class

Hazel class have been busy this week presenting information about a biome of their choice. We have worked hard to research information about the flora, fauna, climate and temperature of our biome and have accompanied our writing with a piece of art work, which we have called 'biome in a bottle'. In maths, we have been learning algebra and have worked hard to understand algebraic expressions and equations. In PE this week, we took part in a yoga session which was very relaxing. We are going to end our week taking part in a 'play in a day' workshop, where we will put on the play of Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Nights Dream'.



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



Despite the muddy and wet conditions, it stopped raining long enough for the children to take part in the 'Big Schools Birdwatch'. All the classes have become experts on spotting the different birds we can see around the school grounds. Year 4 had to produce a guide for their favourite bird and Year 6 took part in a bird orienteering activity. Year 5 made paper birds and looked at how birds fly which links into their science topic on friction and air resistance. They also made parachutes.

Year 3 have been making mini composters and doing soil sampling to link in with their topic on rocks and soils. The Ks1 children have been using their senses to identify the early signs of Spring which have included seeing snowdrops, daffodils and catkins and listening to birds singing. Year 6 have been finishing off their bug hotels which will increase the biodiversity of the school site.

We have also been doing extra PE sessions in the hall and on the playground. Please remember to pack your child's PE kit as well on Forest school days. Spare socks are also important as the ground is still very muddy.

After half term we are going to plant seeds in our vegetable and flower beds. If you know anyone with soil they no longer need please let the school office know.

Hopefully we will have lots of lovely spring sunshine in time for the half term holiday.



Attendance

The Attendance Certificate for the week beginning 26/1/2026 goes to Beech who scored **98.9%**

The Attendance Certificate for the week beginning 02/02/2026 goes to Willow Class for scoring **98.6%**
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

5th March—Evacuee Day Glastonbury Year 5 and 6

12th March— Science Fair 3:30pm

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

2nd Apr—Exford Farm Trip Reception

2nd Apr—Last Day Of Term

20th April—Return to School

1st May—Multi Sports Festival Year 1

5th May—Class Group Photos

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/>

