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Dear parents and carers,

What a busy, fun packed half term we have had! I was reflecting upon all of the things we have achieved this half term with Class 6 and it really is astonishing! Class 6 have, of course completed their SATs week. It was such fun to have them in early for special breakfast and there was a real buzz of positive energy in the air all week! We are so proud of all they have achieved!

The art competition was celebrated through sharing all of the wonderful pieces in our gallery. Thank you to those who entered and those who came to celebrate the talent we have in our school. All entrants received a certificate and winners of each category won prizes. Thank you to Mrs O'Donnell and the art ambassadors for all of their hard work. Our recent visitors from the Bath and Wells Trust were blown away by the incredibly high level of entries.



Our Coronation Celebration was a fantastic day, with such excitement and joy throughout our school community. The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their Country Dancing with you all and taking part in the 'street party' style lunch on the playground. Undeterred by the sudden rain shower, all children enjoyed their doughnuts provided by FOAS and relished a very British day to remember.



Europe Day was such an uplifting day of culture and enquiry. I encountered amazing learning from children who have memorised many flags of the world, to those who were researching facts and foods from their chosen country, to a class creating 3D maps of their country including volcanoes! The energy and enthusiasm was palpable and we all enjoyed coming together in the playground to parade to our Eurovision entry song. Some children even rose to my challenge of telling me which country I was dressed as, without saying the name of the country! Well done to Mrs Roberts, Miss Daniel and the Music Ambassadors for all of their work on this fantastic day!



As you may have seen, we have had some improvements made to our fencing. This means we are even more secure while using the field this summer. It has been lovely seeing the children play there this week!

We have planted some new trees in the corner of the playing field, creating a little copse. Each class have three trees to plant and nurture.



Finally, thank you so much to FOAS for providing the 'Bugfest' experience on Monday. So many of our school values were spotted in the friendship shown when friends were encouraging each other to hold a bug, respecting each other if they didn't want to hold anything, the perseverance it took to overcome fears and have a go!

We will be saying goodbye to Miss Duffy after half term as she has secured a Business Manager position in another school. We wish her well as she progresses in her career.

We hope you all have a happy, healthy half term break and look forward to welcoming everyone back in June for our final half term of the year!

Mrs Walmsley

Dates for your diary

Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June – Half term holiday

Monday 5th June – Start of next half term

Monday 5th June – Friday 16th June – Year 4 Multiplication Times tables Check period

Monday 12th June- Friday 16th June – Year 1 Phonics Screening Check period

Friday 16th June – FOAS Disco- details to follow

Monday 19th June – Wednesday 21st June – Okehampton for Year 6

Friday 23rd June- Armed Forces Day, including Dandelions tea party- details to follow

Tuesday 27th June – Whole School Vision and Values Day

Friday 30th June – FOAS Outdoor theatre event – details to follow

Tuesday 4th July – Whole School Trip to Paignton Zoo- details to follow. We will be returning at 4pm on this day.

Wednesday 5th July – Shuffle up day, where children spend the day with their teachers for next year- details to follow

Thursday 6th July – Year 6 Pilgrimage Service at Wells Cathedral- details to follow

Friday 7th July – FOAS summer party – details to follow

Thursday 13th July – Sports Day - details to follow

Tuesday 18th July – Year 6 Leaver's Performances (2:00pm and 6:00pm) – details to follow

Thursday 20th July – Year 6 leaver's service - 1.30pm in the church – further details to follow

Friday 21st July – End of term

Praise assemblies and showcases

We would like to, once again, invite parents to join our praise assemblies on a Friday. It has been so nice to be able to share our special celebrations with you all.

Class 1 parents- Friday 9th June at 2.40pm

Acorns parents- Friday 16th June at 2.40pm

Showcases:

Friday 23rd June: Classes 1 and 3

Friday 30th June: Classes 2 and 4

Friday 7th July: Classes 5, 6 and Acorns

Free School Meals Reminder

school also allocates money to help you with school trips and activities:

Universal Credit with an annual household income of less than £7,400 after tax
Income Support (IS)

Employment & Support Allowance (Income related – not Contribution related)

Income-based Job Seekers Allowance (IBJSA) – not Contribution based

Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit

Child Tax Credit, provided not receiving Working Tax Credit, with income less than £16,190

Support under Part 6 of Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

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ACORN

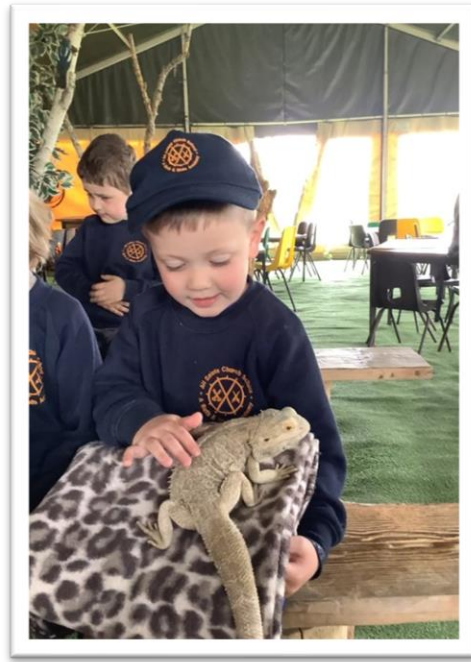
Our learning this month has focused on 'Growth and Change'. The class have explored frog, butterfly and chicken lifecycles. As well as looking at ourselves and how we have changed even since we started in Acorns. The children have been planting a variety of seeds in our garden centre and have been excited to see them grow!

Our weeks of practise for the country dancing presented a real challenge of co-ordination and teamwork to the children and they did fantastically well, I know every member of the Acorn team was so proud of them.

In Maths we have been looking at halving and doubling. Making sure we are sharing fairly!

The highlight of this month had to be our school trip! The children behaved fantastically, the staff at Axe valley commented on how well they listened and showed respect for the animals.

I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term and look forward to welcoming the children back for our next learning journey of a 'African Adventure'



CLASS 1

It has been another busy month in Class 1 with lots of brilliant learning happening. The children have continued to develop in confidence and fluency as readers and we can see huge progress in their phonics. There are just a couple of weeks before the phonics screening check so please keep hearing your child read a couple of pages (ideally every day) and refer to the phonics sound sheets. The children have also been developing as writers and have been applying their phonics to write a non-chronological report about how to look after a pet, an animal acrostic poem and also wrote some fantastic 'thank you' letters to Nick from Bugfest - he was very impressed so well done, Class 1!



In maths the children are continuing to develop their understanding of arrays and 'lots of' as we introduce the concept of multiplication. The children are also developing their understanding of fractions, specifically thinking about halves and quarters - there has also been some great problems that the children have created to demonstrate their understanding.

In science we have begun to learn about different animals and have been looking closely at similarities and differences as well as identifying which animal group they are part of e.g. fish, reptile, mammal and we are very much looking forward to our trip to Axe Valley on Thursday 8th June.

The children have really impressed me with their understanding of Judaism as we have started to find out about this religion and learn about Shabbat - we have had some amazing comments and the children have posed some really interesting questions.

Well done on another month of brilliant learning, Class 1 - we are very proud of you all!

CLASS 2

Class 2 have had a very busy month. We have continued with our topic about being explorers and have discovered lots of amazing information and facts about animals of the Amazon, carnivals in Rio de Janeiro and thinking about creating our own story books.

Three of our class took part in the Friends of All Saints Hill race and were amazing completing the 5K run. Well done to Rose, Aaliyah and Ella for completing what was a very difficult and hilly run.



Bug Fest visited the school this week and we were fascinated to see, hold and discuss lots about different bugs.

The giant African millipede was very tickly as it went on our hands.



Delilah was fortunate to have Sticky Mc Stick Face the stick insect on her. He was a stick insect from Vietnam. Stanley had Leggy McLeg on him – he didn't want to let go off his sweatshirt and his hooks on his feet held tightly to him! He was a huge stick insect from China.

The children listened and watched as they were shown giant millipedes, scorpions, cockroaches and tarantulas.

Class 2 were delighted when Mrs Smith got to hold the Red Knee tarantula and the giant bird eating tarantula. (Mrs Smith was not so delighted!)



Back in the classroom we took part in a STEAM activity to make a creature we saw in Bug Fest. If it was an insect it needed three body parts and six legs and if it was a spider it needed two body parts and eight legs. The class managed to guess what everyone had made so we think we did some good models!



CLASS 4

Coronation Day.

So many wonderful memories were created, celebrating this momentous occasion.



"I enjoyed the coronation day because we got to show our country dances."
Maddison



History of Montacute

Over the last few weeks, we have undertaken a local history study of Montacute, collecting evidence from a range of sources. We were fortunate to have local resident and author, Clarence Bradley in school to talk to the children about his life experiences in Montacute since he was a young boy. The children asked lots of questions and were fascinated with his tales and memories. Did you know, there were once over thirty shops in Montacute, including a police station, CO-OP and railway station? You may have wondered why the A3088 was such a straight road. It had nothing to do with the Romans but in fact was originally a railway line.

CLASS 5

Looking back over the last month, I can't believe we are at the end of May and the children only have half a term left in Year 5. The children have continued to work hard and having lots of fun in the process.

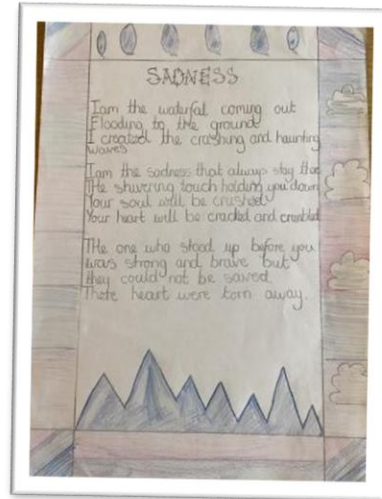
To celebrate the Eurovision contest, we had a Greek day. We learnt how to speak a few Greek phrases and write our names in the Greek alphabet. After a parade with the whole school, the children finished the day tucking into some Greek cuisine which they really enjoyed!



In English, we have been working on 'The Dreadful Menace' poem:

[Winter Olympics 2014: Trailer - BBC Sport - YouTube](#)

We used this poem to help us develop our understanding of figurative language such as metaphors and similes so we were then able to use these ideas to help us create our own poems about emotions. I was very impressed with the creativity of the poems and how the children were able to portray emotions with human characteristics.



In science, we have been learning about forces and different mechanisms. During lessons, we have been investigating levers, pulleys and gears and how these can aid us in everyday life. Working as teams, the children investigated the friction generated on different surfaces and how this could help James Bond capture criminals. The children enjoyed using the newton meters to investigate the different surfaces and learnt how to work out the mean to compare their results.



Two weeks ago, we started the 'Archbishop's Leadership Award'. So far, we have learnt about important leadership skills, how we can put them into practice using obstacle courses and learnt about different types of role models. We are looking forward to using our skills to complete some community challenges.

Mr Wood arranged for us to have a workshop with Bugfest – we were very excited and learnt lots about all the different bugs. Unfortunately, Mrs Holt was busy, so Mrs McKensie stepped in to help - we think she really enjoyed holding the tarantula!

