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Our All Saints community has been super busy this month with much more to come as we rapidly approach the end of our summer term. Sports day was brilliant, the sun shone and great memories were made. Several classes have been on trips, with the Choir trip coming up and of course our annual FOAS summer fete on Friday 12th July. Lots to look forward to.

Thank you to all who donated cakes and supported our School Council charity event. Our School Council are busy counting monies as I type, amount raised £312.50.

We have some wonderful new additions swimming happily around our newly restored pond. Thank you, Mr Drayton, for organising the donation of fish and pond weed etc. So far, all newcomers have settled in well.

STEAM challenge event

On Wednesday 19th June our Friends of All Saints and staff at school held their first STEAM challenge evening. Prior to the grand final event, the children had worked in small groups to design a bridge, to span a river, which was 30cm (one ruler length) wide. The challenge required children to design a bridge using only lolly sticks and masking tape, which would then be tested for strength by adding weights. Our FOAS asked a local engineer to judge the designs and 13 groups of children were invited back to school to build them. We had a fantastic evening of building and creating, and we were stunned by the quality of the finished products.



Whilst the children were busy building their final product, we kept the parents busy and set them a STEAM challenge to build a bridge from spaghetti and marshmallows! Unfortunately, it was a very hot night and the marshmallows melted however, there were some amazing successes and two rooms of very quiet, focussed parents, showcasing strong competitive spirit.

Official opening of our Dandelion yurt

Last week All Saints officially opened their Dandelion yurt with a day of celebration and a tea party. Representatives from RNAS Yeovilton as well as local businesses and charities all came together to celebrate our amazing project that has seen the provision for forces children grow from weekly meetings in a classroom to having a purposeful space of their own, complete with weekly forest school sessions. Gaining the Armed Forces Covenant Fund last year not only provided funds for the yurt but has also enabled Forest School provision to be delivered to children in small groups and 1:1, supporting the wellbeing of our Dandelion children.



This has been a huge project for our school to take on, overseen superbly by Mrs Sullivan, our reception class teacher and Forces Club lead. A big thank you to everyone who attended our celebrations.

Best wishes,

Mrs Bowditch

CLASS 6

June is quickly coming to an end, and what an incredible month it has been for Class 6! From the residential, trip to Wells, to play practice and Sports Day, it's no wonder the time has flown by.

Residential Trip

Our few days in Okehampton were absolutely brilliant. Class 6 brought immense energy and an outstanding attitude to every activity, from high ropes and abseiling to cycling and gorge walking. They embraced each challenge and gave their best effort. All Saints were praised, on a number of occasions, by members of the public and instructors for their politeness and friendliness. Well done, Class 6!



Leavers Trip at Wells Cathedral

We had another wonderful day out at Wells Cathedral. After a morning exploring the Bishop's Palace and grounds, the children attended their moving-up celebration led by the Bath and Wells Diocese at the cathedral. It was a truly special ceremony that I'm sure will be cherished for years to come.



Sports Day

Congratulations to everyone who participated in Sports Day! With the sun shining and the enthusiastic cheers from all of you, it felt like we were in a stadium. Thank you for your support and for making the day memorable!

Play Rehearsals

Rehearsals for the Class 6 performance of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' by William Shakespeare are now well underway. We are eagerly looking forward to inviting you all to the performance in July.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement.

CLASS 5

Our term has continued to be busy over the past month.

In art, the children have been working with Mrs Mckensie to create their own houses using cardboard and a range of joining techniques. The children created lots of internal features such as staircases, pianos and beds once they had finished the basic structure.



Last Wednesday, we went on a school trip to Bristol Museum and Art gallery for a workshop on using art to inspire poetry. They had a fantastic time looking at a range of different style of art and thinking of creative ways to describe each picture. Thank you to the lovely adults who came with us!



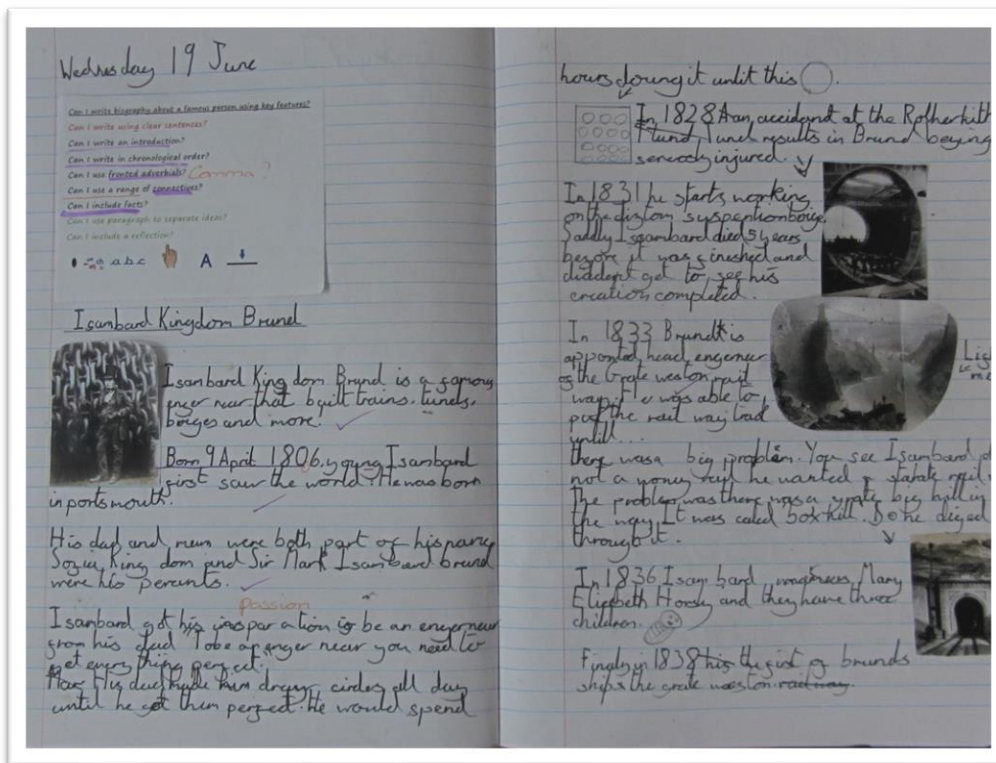
In English, we have been looking at how to write balanced arguments. The children have been debating a range of topics based on our Ancient Greece topic including 'Were the Greeks the Best Inventors?' Everyone was involved with the debate and was able to share their opinions with the class. One thing I learnt, is that the Greeks invented the vending machine!

We have also been preparing the children for Year 6. As part of this, the children helped run the KS1 sports day – Mr Wood was very impressed with how well they did. As well as this, the children got to find out who their new buddies would be and were able to write letters of introduction to them.

CLASS 4

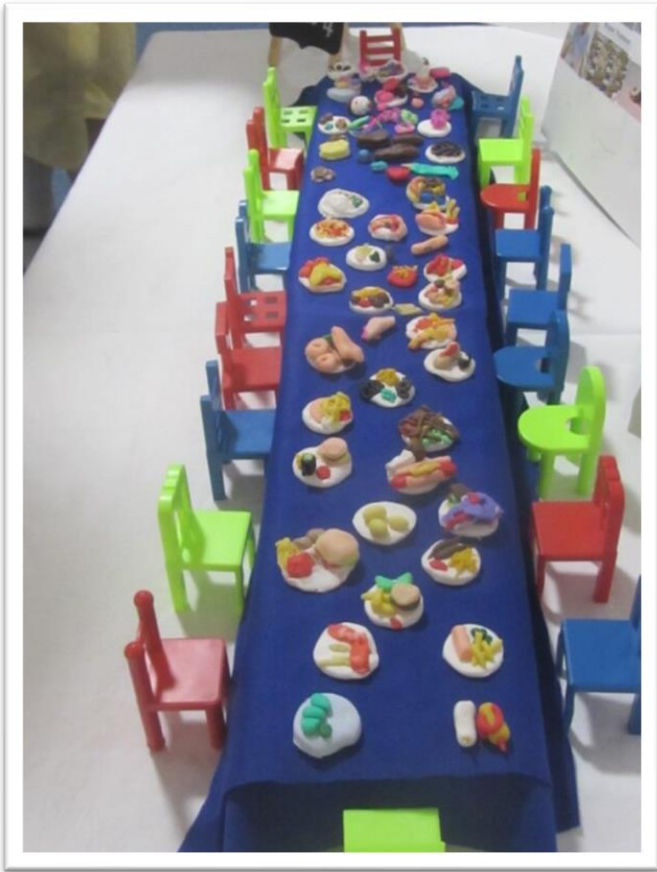
We have been very busy in Class 4 this month.

The children have loved learning about the features of a biography and really enjoyed interviewing a family member and writing a biography about them. They were fascinating to read! The children also enjoyed learning about Isambard Kingdom Brunel and writing a biography about him. This was particularly interesting with our upcoming visit to SS Great Britain next month.



The children have absolutely loved our art topic this month 'Festive Feasts'. We have studied artists inspired by food and have made miniature and life-size food ourselves from polymer clay, floristry foam and Mod-Roc. The final results have been the talk of the school!

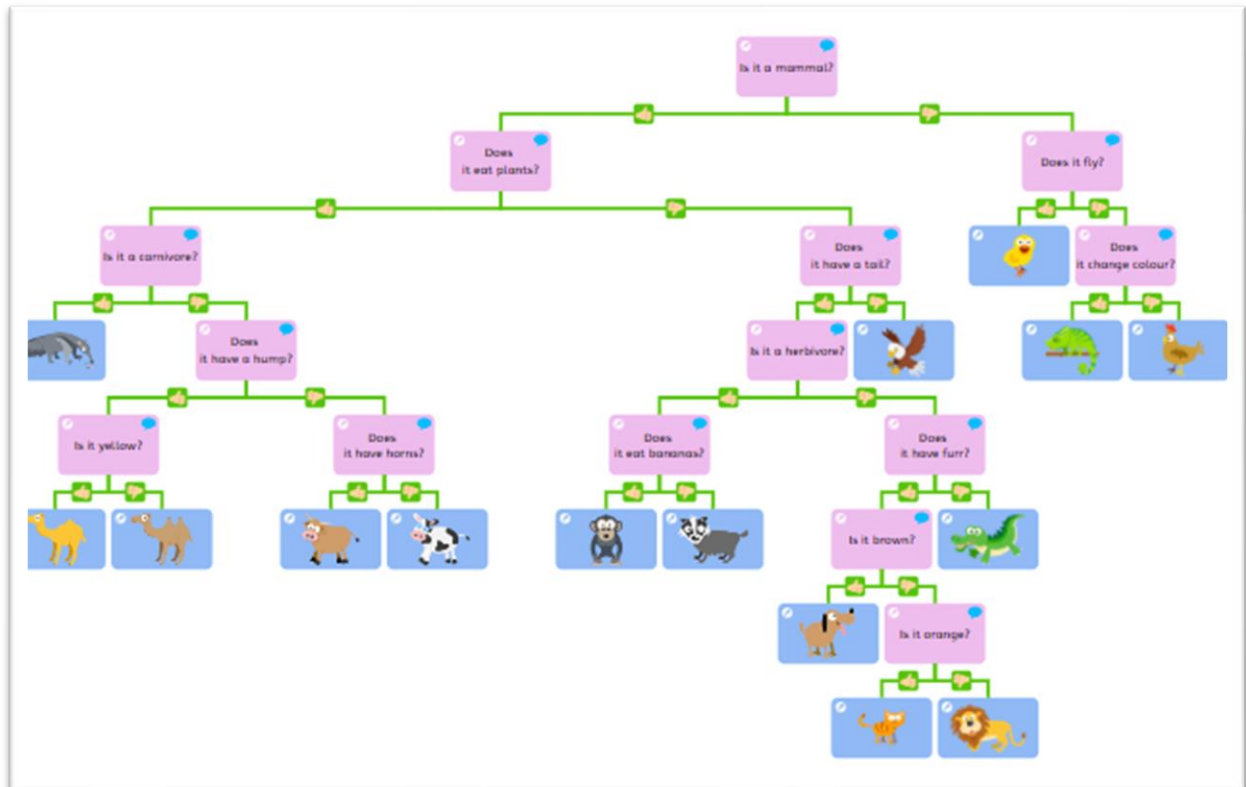




As part of our school value of Community, we have a visit from the Police last week. The children absolutely loved exploring the police van. They were able to sit in the 'jail' section and work the siren! They also met two police dogs and watched them in action sniffing out a mobile phone and 'biting' a police woman who was acting as a criminal.



The children have loved learning about vertebrates and invertebrates and they have used a data programming tool to classify them. They made up their own questions and sorted a large range of living creatures using these questions.



In our Re lessons, we have explored **Humanism**.

The children have had some interesting discussions using the Humanist golden rule. We used a range of conundrum cards to decide what would be the best actions for different scenarios. The children made brilliant links with our own school values and The Golden Rule.

The Golden Rule

The Golden Rule is a moral principle for life.

Humanists believe in the happiness of humankind and believe that part of their duty is to help and support others.
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Humanists believe that people should be treated fairly and with kindness.
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Humanists place emphasis on using **empathy** when making decisions that involve others so that actions do not negatively affect other people and animals.




empathy - The ability to understand and share the feelings of another.


In our French lessons, we have been learning how to describe where we live, what kind of home we live in and what kind of rooms we have or do not have. The children are becoming much more confident in their pronunciation and taking part in simple conversations with each other. We have been really impressed with how much the children have learnt and remember from week to week. The children have also enjoyed singing French songs to accompany our lessons. **Tres bien classe 4**

Lyric Sheet

Chez moi



Où habites-tu ? Où habites-tu ?
J'habite dans une maison



Où habites-tu ? Où habites-tu ?
J'habite dans un appartement



CLASS 3

June is drawing to a close and here are just a few of the exciting things Class 3 have been up to this month:

Coached cricket skills by staff from Somerset County Cricket Club.



We showed our confidence and oracy skills in our Showcase Assembly. Thank you to those who joined us to help us celebrate our achievements.

The children were phenomenal on our trip to Taunton Museum; as were our lovely adult helpers. The children were able to divulge all their Roman history knowledge during the workshop and loved dressing up in the various outfits around the museum.





A lesson in team building – working together to throw the ball as high as they can – not as easy as it sounds.

The children really enjoyed Sports Day; supporting and encouraging each other. A glorious day for all.

CLASS 2

Class 2 has been very busy in the last month. We have been learning about explorers and how they travelled the world. We are finding out about Scott of the Antarctic and what a difficult journey he had to the South Pole.

In our art we used all the knowledge we learnt about stick man and created our own stick people. Using our prior learning about body shape, we searched for sticks which looked like a person and their body shape and then created a stick person using wool and other art materials.

We continue to work towards our Archbishop Young Leaders Award and look forward to welcoming class 2 parents to our community tea party and praise and share on July 19th at 2pm. The children have decided that their action project would be to invite the elderly members of the village into school so that they can learn about school and the sorts of things we do in class 2 (but they wanted their parents there as well!) One of the skills which is involved in being a young leader is perseverance and the children learnt lots about what it is like to persevere as they made origami shapes – it certainly tested them!



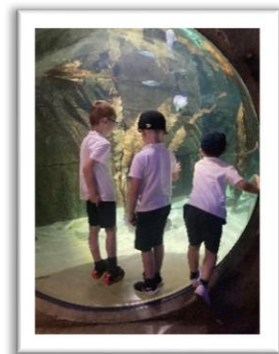
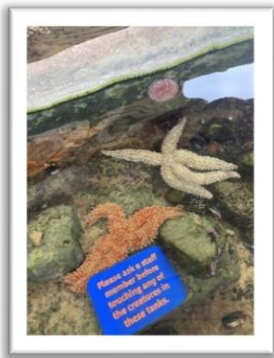
CLASS 1

Wow! What a busy month we have had in Class 1. This month we started our swimming sessions at Goldenstones. We are so proud of the children as they are amazing at getting changed before and after swimming. They have supported one another with sea belts on the coach, remembering their locker number and waiting while their partner gets changed. The children are clearly enjoying their swimming lessons as they are always raring to go (even to the point of wearing their goggles on the coach!), listen carefully to the teachers and confident to have a go! Well done, Class 1.

As part of our Animal Adventures topic, we went on our trip to the Sealife Centre in Weymouth. We went to find out about the animals that live in the ocean and how we can help protect them in the future. After our trip we all wrote a recount of our day making sure we included time connectives and some interesting information.

'First we saw a starfish. Starfishes have no brain. Then we saw seals at the seal harbour. Seals like fish to eat. Next we saw jellyfish. If you touch a jellyfish you will get stung. After that I saw an octopus. Octopuses have to feel their way around. Finally we saw white and black penguins. Penguins can't fly.' Iseult

'First we went to the rockpool. We saw hungry, colourful starfish. Starfish don't have blood! Then we went to see the seals. A lady fed the seals. If a piece of fish landed on a rock a seal would jump out of the water and eat it! Next we saw Humboldt penguins. They were swimming. They can swim 5m deep! After that we went to the water park. There was spraying water. We got really wet! Finally we went to the rainforest. We saw poison dart frogs. They are poisonous!' Finley



Last week we took part in our second All Saints Sports Day. All the children participated enthusiastically and had a great time.

'I enjoyed the running race. I liked it because I like running fast.' Reggie

'I really the running track because I tried really hard. My Mummy and Daddy were cheering me on and I won! I was so happy!' Henry

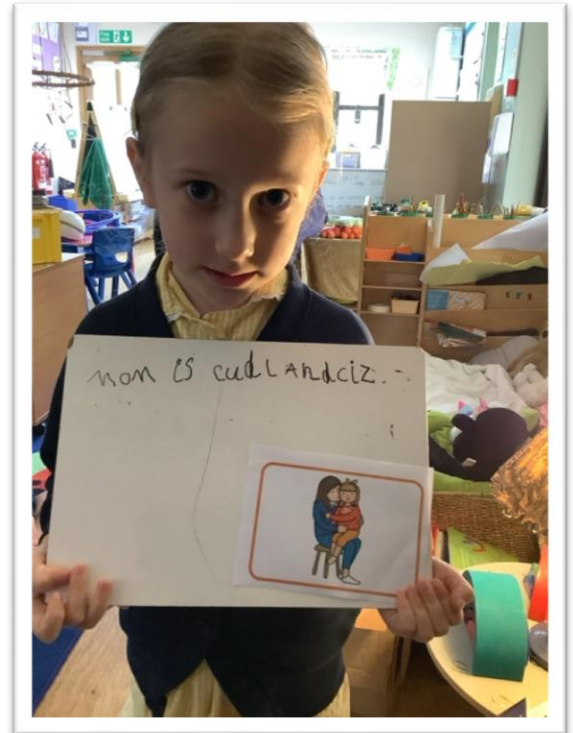
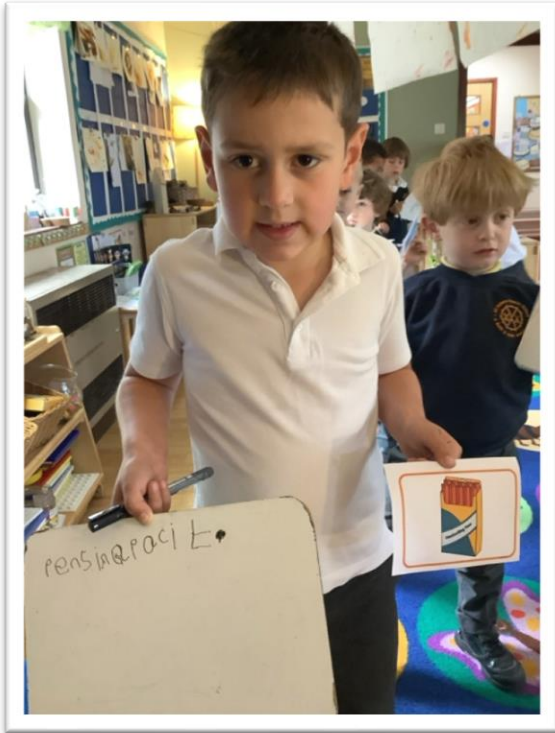
'I really enjoyed the running race because I like running fast.' Halle

This month we have also started learning about telling the time! We have learnt the names of the hands on the clock and how to read the time to the hour so far. We would love to show off our new skill so please ask us at home what the time is!

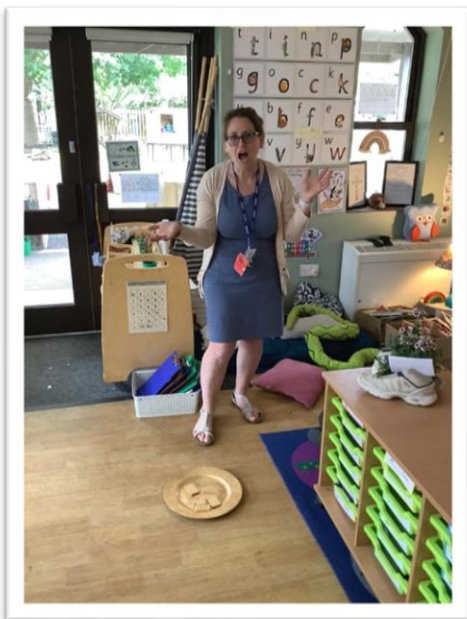
In our English learning we have been learning the story of 'Bob the Bubble'. Bob the Bubble wants to be a useful bubble and help the butterfly and frog in the story. We have learnt the story off by heart and talked about our favourite parts of the story. We have made stick puppets of the characters and retold the story using a story map. Next week we will be rewriting the story changing the characters and the setting. Watch this space for examples of our own stories next month!

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This month we have been working on our sentence writing, writing captions to go with pictures. The children have been amazing in their independence and use of sound mats.



In our RE lessons, we have been looking at stories and what moral lessons we can learn from them. We role played about the 'Boy that cried Wolf'. Mrs Sullivan pretended to drop biscuits before actually dropping the biscuits! We learnt the importance of honesty and telling the truth.



In Maths we have been looking at patterns, 2d shapes and positional language. We played a game where the children had to work in pairs with a barrier between them, creating some shape art and then describing it to their partner to see if they could recreate it without seeing it! The children were amazing at this and used some great descriptive language.

