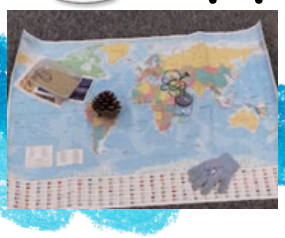
Axminster Community Primary Academy Newsletter

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This Week

We've had a lovely week welcoming everyone back and beginning our new learning units. The children have shown great enthusiasm for their geography topics: "Putting Axminster on the Map" in Key Stage 1 and "Extreme Earth" in Key Stage 2. Otters Class led us in assembly today. Thank you to the children and staff for sharing your learning with us.

We are making some slight adaptations to our lunch system - we are still having many children who do not have their school dinners booked by their adults. Please make sure your child's lunch is booked before the day. From Monday, just before lunchtime, children will be given a lunch band to show which meal they have booked. If a lunch has not been ordered in advance, the office will call to check whether your child will bring a packed lunch or needs a sandwich lunch from the kitchen, which will need to be paid for on Arbor. Please remember that we are a no nuts school - please do not send anything containing NUTELLA as we have several members of the school community who can become seriously ill.

Bikeability finished this week. Well done to all the children who took part and learnt such valuable life skills. We are so grateful to the bikeability leaders who have supported our children so well.

Next Thursday, individual photos will be taken for all pupils in the main school. If you would like a sibling photo, please come to the Bridge, beside Nursery, between 8.00am and 8.50am and queue for a photo. To help us fit everyone into the session, we can take only one type of photo per family. Sibling photos will not be available after 8.50am, as we need to allow enough time for more than 250 individual photographs. Thank you for your understanding.

The deadline for Year 6 secondary school applications was 31 October. We are aware that some applications have not yet been made. These will now be treated as late applications, so please submit an application as soon as possible.

The PTFA is setting up a new app, Classlist, to share information and book events. Please see the PTFA letter for further details.

Children in Need is on Friday. Thank you to our School Council for organising the day. Children are welcome to wear spotty non-school uniform in return for a donation to the charity. We are also holding a cake sale at the end of the day to raise further money - please bring donations of cakes to the office in the morning and enjoy treat from the front of school at the end of the day. Thanks for your support.

Next Week ...

Breakfast Club and After School Stay and Play club run daily - MUST BE PREBOOKED AND PAID FOR BEFORE THE DAY

Monday
Odd socks day (wear odd socks to school) - Anti-bullying week
Rocksteady
Netball workshop at Woodroffe

Tuesday

Wednesday
Y6 to Armistice service in Axminster
Eagles Swimming

Thursday
Sibling photographs 8am - Bridge (by the side of nursery)

Individual photographs
Guitar lessons

Friday
Children in Need - wear spotty clothes and bring in donations for Children in Need

This Year's Whole School Attendance
95.1%

Winning Year Group
Year 5 97.3%

Attendance Matters
Every Day Counts....

Our Core Value this half term is:

Kindness

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Our Learning this Week...

Little Acorns

Our topic this term is Once Upon a Rhyme, where we are exploring lots of familiar and much-loved nursery rhymes. This week, our focus is Old MacDonald Had a Farm! The children have been enjoying singing along while playing with our farm-themed tuff tray. During circle time, we are also exploring a variety of nursery rhymes, including some that we don't always sing together, helping to introduce the children to new songs and rhymes.





Robins

At the end of last half-term, Robins completed their very first Axminster 6 challenge – Make a Rainbow! We discussed as a class how we could create our rainbow, and as we were enjoying The Colour Monster at the time, several children suggested linking the two together. What a lovely idea! So, working together, we created a beautiful handprint rainbow of feelings, combining our learning about colours and emotions with lots of creativity and teamwork. We're so pleased with the finished result, and the children should be very proud of what they've created!

Hedgehogs and Squirrels

At the end of last half term, Squirrels and Hedgehogs took part in their first Axminster 6 experience of the year. They spent the afternoon starting to learn how to tie their shoe laces.

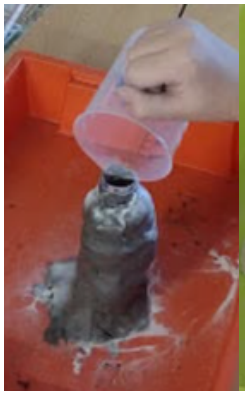
We have had a super first week back launching our new topic 'Putting Axminster on the Map' and we have started rehearsing for our Christmas nativity! Letters with further information will come out shortly!

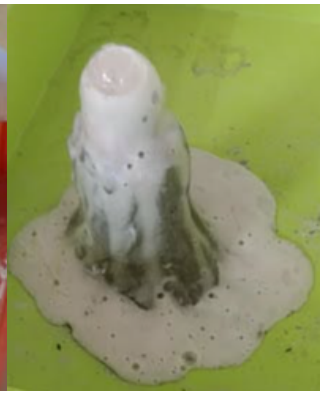




Foxes, Otters and Badgers

Foxes, Badgers and Otters enjoyed a fantastic hook day to launch Extreme Earth, our topic for the first three weeks of this half term! We explored biomes, located places on a map, built structures designed to withstand earthquakes and even created our own erupting volcanoes! There was plenty of teamwork, curiosity and excitement throughout the day. We had so much fun and can't wait to discover more about our amazing planet!

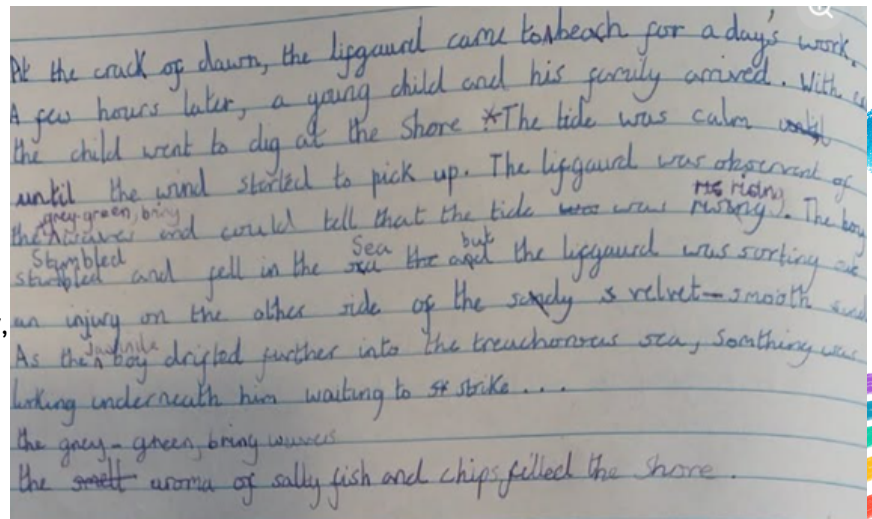






Falcons, Hawks and Eagles

We have been exploring the beautiful picture book Flotsam by David Wiesner. We are using the stunning illustrations to spark their imaginations, develop their vocabulary and bring their own stories to life and focusing on writing vivid settings and detailed descriptions, thinking carefully about how to help readers picture the scenes, almost as if they were stepping right into the illustrations themselves. We have been SO impressed with the creativity, imagination and quality of writing the children have produced already. From carefully chosen vocabulary to wonderfully imaginative descriptions, they have certainly risen to the challenge!


At the crack of dawn, the lifeguard came to beach for a day's work.
A few hours later, a young child and his family arrived. With
the child went to dig at the shore *The tide was calm
until the wind started to pick up. The lifeguard was observant of
the waves and could tell that the tide was
Stumbled and fell in the sea but the lifeguard was working
an injury on the other side of the sandy & velvet-smooth
As the boy drifted further into the treacherous sea, Something
lurking underneath him waiting to strike...
the grey-green, briny waves
the aroma of salty fish and chips filled the shore.

The Year Ahead

Axminster Community Primary Academy

2026/27 PLANNER

SEPTEMBER

Monday 7th: Children return to school
Wednesday 16th - Coffee with the Head - hall 9am
Thursday 17th - SEND Coffee Morning -hall 9am
Monday 14th - Recycling week
Tuesday 15th - Flu vaccinations / Phonics workshop in the hall 3pm
Wednesday 16th - SEND PLP meetings (hall)
Monday 21st - Carnival Day
Wednesday 23rd - Maths workshop in the hall 3pm
Friday 25th - Eagles Class Assembly 3pm
Friday 25th - Sponsored obstacle course
Monday 28th - European Day of Languages
Wednesday 30th : Film night :3.30 - 5.30pm

OCTOBER

Thursday 1st - National Poetry Day / - Stay and Play Family OPAL session 3.15 - 4pm
Friday 2nd - Falcons Class Assembly
Friday 9th - Harvest Festival / Hello Yellow day - wear yellow accessories with uniform
Tuesday 13th / Thursday 15th- Parents Evening 4-6pm
Wednesday 14th - PTFA AGM
Monday - Friday 19th - 23rd - Bikeability
Wednesday 21st - Disco
Thursday 22nd - Non school uniform day
Friday 23rd - INSET school closed
Monday 26th Friday 30th - Half Term

NOVEMBER

Monday 2nd - Children return to school
Friday 6th - Otters Class Assembly 3pm
Wednesday 11th - Armistice Service
Thursday 12th - Individual Photos
Friday 13th - Children In Need non uniform day - wear spots
Monday 16th - Odd socks day - wear odd socks to school today (Anti-bullying week launch)
Friday 20th - Hawks Class Assembly 3pm
Thursday 26th - Thanksgiving
Friday 27th -Non-School Uniform Day and Decorate for Christmas 3.30pm (bring children to join in the fun!)

DECEMBER

Monday 30th - Christmas Fayre 3.30-4.30pm
Tuesday 1st/ Wednesday 2nd / Thursday 3rd - Christmas Craft
Friday 4th - Badgers Class Assembly
Tuesday 8th - Little Acorns Nativity 3pm
Thursday 10th - Reception Nativity 3pm
Monday 14th - Christmas DT Day
Tuesday 15th - KS1 Christmas Show 2.30pm and 5pm
Wednesday 16th - Christmas Lunch and KS2 Carols Around the Tree 3pm
Thursday 17th - Christmas Discos
Friday 18th - Christmas Service 9.30am / Christmas parties
Monday 21st - Friday 1st Jan - Christmas Holidays

JANUARY

Monday 4th - INSET day
Tuesday 5th - Children return to school
Tuesday 12th - SEND PLP meetings (hall)
Friday 15th - Foxes Class Assembly 3pm
Monday 18th - World Religion Day
Tuesday 19th - Acceleration plan meetings (hall) - invited parents only
Wednesday 20th - Film Night - 3.30 - 5.30pm
Friday 22nd - M and M Pantomime
Thursday 28th - KS2 Spring Concert 2.50pm

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 2nd and Thursday 4th- Parents Evening 4-6pm
Friday 5th - NSPCC Number Day
Tuesday 9th - Safer Internet Day / Pancake races
Wednesday 10th - Disco
Friday 12th - Non-Uniform Day
Monday 15th - Friday 19th - Half Term
Monday 22nd - Children return to school

MARCH

Thursday 4th - World Book Day
Friday 5th - Robins class assembly 3pm
Monday 1st / Tuesday 2nd - Mothers Day Crafts
Monday 8th - 12th - Science Week
Wednesday 10th - Eid
Thursday 11th - Stay and Play Family OPAL session 3.15 - 4pm
Friday 19th - Red Nose Day / Spring Family Bingo 3.30 - 6pm
Monday 22nd - Sponsored Run
Wednesday 24th - Y3/4 Show 2pm and 5pm
Thursday 25th - Easter Service 9.30am / Easter Egg hunt / Easter bonnet parade 3.15pm

APRIL

Friday 26th March - Friday 9th April - Easter Holidays
Monday 12th April - Children return to school
Friday 16th - Squirrels Class Assembly
Tuesday 20th - SEND PLP meetings (hall)
Thursday 22nd - Earth Day
Tuesday 27th - Acceleration plan meetings (hall) - invited parents only
Friday 30th - May Day Fete - parents from 2pm

MAY

Monday 3rd May - Bank Holiday - school closed
Tuesday 4th May - Inter House Sport Festival
Monday 11th - Thursday 14th - Y6 SATS
Monday 17th - Friday 21st - Walk to School Week
Wednesday 19th - Numeracy Day
Monday 24th -Non School uniform day
Wednesday 26th - Disco
Thursday 27th - Class Photos
Friday 28th - Sports Day

JUNE

Monday 31st May - 5th June - Half Term
Monday 7th - INSET day
Tuesday 8th - Children return to school / School Disco
Friday 11th - International Day of Play - Stay and Play Family OPAL session 3.15 - 4pm
Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th - Fathers' Day Craft
Monday 21st - World Refugee Day
Tuesday 22nd - Y5 STEM day at Axe Valley
Friday 25th - Y6 Fiver Challenge / Summer Fete 3 - 4.15pm

JULY

Wednesday 30th- Axe Valley Transition Day Y6
Friday 2nd July - Axminster's Got Talent
Monday 5th - Art Day and Art Exhibition
Wednesday 14th - Transition Day and Meet the Teacher 3.30pm
Thursday 15th - Y5/6 Show 2pm and 5pm
Monday 19th- Wednesday 21st - Y6 Residential
Thursday 22nd - Whole school Awards Service
Friday 23rd - Y6 Leavers Service (hall) 9am

We will endeavour to keep all dates as scheduled, but please note there may be changes if necessary, i.e. if events rely upon good weather. We will alert you to this as early as possible if any alterations are required.

Safeguarding Information

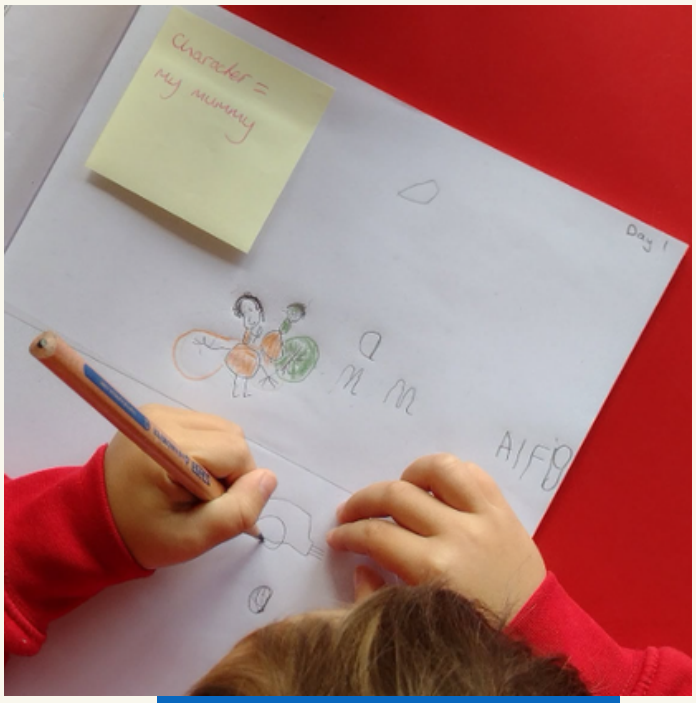


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Our safeguarding and child protection information, including our policy, can be found here on our website.



School Noticeboard

Stay and Play After School Club

We are now booking spaces for After School Stay & Play via Arbor for children in Reception - Year 6, or by speaking to Nursery staff for Little Acorns.

Places MUST be booked and paid for online. If you are not registered for these clubs please email the office to arrange this.

These are limited and are offered on a first come, first served basis.

School Lunches

Please make sure you have booked your child's lunches via Arbor in advance even if your child is in KS1 or entitled to a free school meal.

Meal choices cannot be guaranteed if they are not booked in advance.

Lost Property

Please have a look at the lost property in the boxes at the front of school. We would love to reunite people with their things. Please could you check that your children's things are labelled with a permanent marker or label so that we can return things easily.

Events

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SCHOOL GAMES SILVER 2025/26

Opal Platinum Award 2026 - 2028

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