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On Thursday, we were thrilled to welcome ZooLab to school for a hands-on 'Prey and Predators' workshop. All the children had the opportunity to get up close and personal with a fascinating variety of exotic animals, such as snakes and giant land snails. Through interactive storytelling and safe animal handling, the children explored how different species adapt, hunt and defend themselves in the animal kingdom, bringing our science curriculum to life in the most exciting way possible.

Today was our ECO Day, where we celebrated nature and the great outdoors while raising funds for environmental improvements around the school. The children looked fantastic in their nature-inspired outfits, and everyone enjoyed taking part in the 'Guess the Plant's Name' competition. We wrapped up our celebrations by unveiling the plant's name, Prince, and admiring all the wonderful, imaginative entries for our Natural Craft competition!

Finally, we hope that you can join us for a Christmas Crafternoon next Friday, 4th December, from 1:15pm to 3:00pm. The children will be splitting into their school houses to rotate around a variety of festive craft stations. Parents and carers are warmly invited to come along and join in the creative fun with them!

Mr Turull

Zoo Lab 2026







Team:
Flo
Emily
Hannah
Flo
Caitlin
Chipo
Tilly



BANES Girls Football Cup 2026-27
Kilmersdon Girls 0 - 12 Leigh on Mendip Girls

In what was a really well-fought game, played on a bitterly cold November's evening, Leigh on Mendip came out victors in a thrilling game of football played with passion, intensity and skill. Tilly, Flo and Caitlin were the scorers, but all the team played really well to earn them the well-deserved victory.

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Diary Dates

December

1st Year 6 MFL Day at Downside School
4th Christmas Craft Afternoon at 1.15pm
5th Christmas Tree Sale & Fair - 10 - 2pm
10th Starling Class Christmas Production - 2pm
11th Whole School Pantomime Trip
16th Goldfinches & Swallow Class Carol Service at St Giles' Church - 9.30am & 2pm
16th Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumpers
17th Kingfishers Christmas Production - 2pm
17th Swallow Class - Final Swimming Lesson
17th FOLS Christmas Movie Afternoon
18th End of Term Assembly & Music Performance
End of Term Two

January

4th **Inset Day**
5th **Start of Term Three**
5th **Daily Breakfast Club begins**
7th Goldfinch Class Swimming Lessons
13th Rags 2 Riches Collection

Notices

Clubs
There will be no clubs on the last week of term.

Christmas Crafternoon
Please join us on Friday 4th December between 1.15pm - 3pm. The children will be dividing into their houses and parents are welcome to join them whilst they rotate around various craft stations.

Christmas Tree Sale & Fair
Please join us on Saturday 5th December for our annual Christmas Tree Sale & Fair. We will be selling locally grown Christmas trees from 10am - 2pm on the school playground. Please see the posters at the end of this newsletter.



A huge well done to our brilliant group of Year 4 and Year 5 runners who represented our school at the MSN Cross Country event at Downside School this week.

We saw some standout performances across both the boys' and girls' races. With the year 4 girls finishing in overall 3rd place, and the year 5 girls finishing in 5th place. A big thank you to the team at Downside School and the School Sports Partnership for hosting and organising such a brilliant event.

Spotlight on... Mental Health

We are delighted to be working closely with the Mental Health Support Team (MHST) to promote positive emotional wellbeing across our school community. In January, the team will deliver age-appropriate 'Understanding Emotions' workshops across all four classes to help children recognise and manage their feelings. Following these sessions, we will also be offering a one-hour 'Supporting Your Child's Big Feelings' workshop for parents and carers, providing practical advice and strategies to support children at home.

There are also some fantastic resources and additional support available to parents and carers through the following links:

- Young Somerset – Early Years Mental Health and Wellbeing Support
- Parent & Carer Wellbeing Toolkit

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News from the Classrooms

Tip: Click the class bird to visit the class page!



Robins

We have continued our theme of the *Gingerbread Man* this week in Robins. We have enjoyed doing Gingerbread yoga working on following simple instructions and copying the moves.





Kingfishers

This week in Geography, we learned how to tell the difference between physical and human features in the area around our school. We also gently transitioned into our Christmas topic by reading Stick Man, and to celebrate Eco Day, we had a wonderful time making our very own Stick Men using natural materials!





Starlings

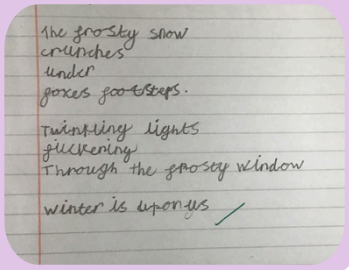
This week we had a busy Science afternoon. Year 3 planned an exciting experiment to carry out in the coming weeks, whilst Year 2 have continued their topic on habitats. We headed outside once more but this time to create a microhabitat for our chosen living things. We had to think carefully about what is needed to make it a safe place for living things to thrive. I wonder if we will have any visitors?





Goldfinches

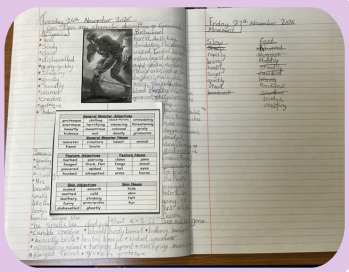
This week in English, Goldfinch Class has been exploring the wonderful world of winter poetry! The children have shown fantastic creativity experimenting with haikus, acrostic poems, rhyming verses and free verse to capture the sights and sounds of the season. We are busy illustrating our favourite pieces to create a classroom display!





Swallows

This week, we have been using the story of the Beowulf as a focus for writing an action narrative sequence. Swallows have been describing both characters, and this week it was Grendel's turn to be analysed. As you can see from the work here, the class have been word-grabbing, phrase-creating and vocabulary uplevelling in order to find the best words with which to describe the malicious monster.



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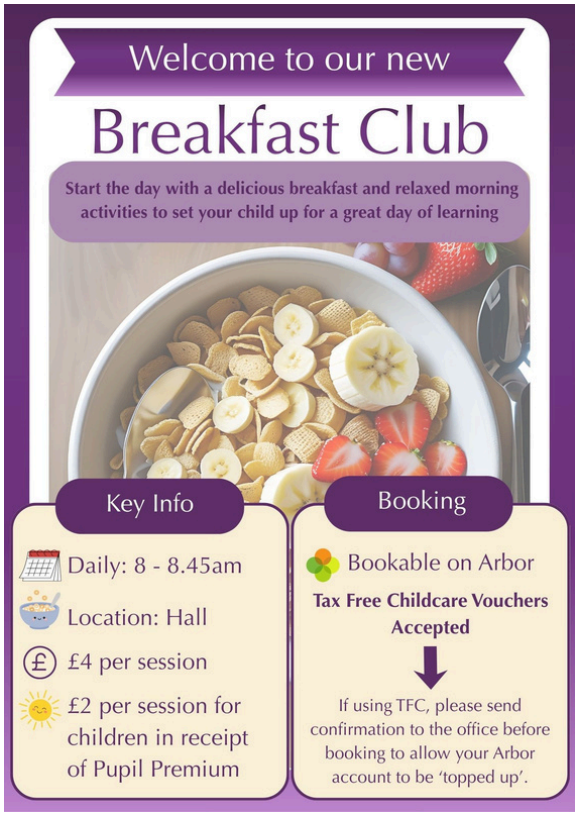

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