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## What's been going on?

It has been a lovely week at Buckfastleigh Primary school. The children have been busy inside and out and it has been great to see the sun shining – even if it has been a little cold!

- In Reception, the children have done some fabulous charcoal drawings of animals and have been painting using sticks. The children have been making potions and according to Mrs A, they should be really proud of how well they are doing in phonics.
- Year 1 have really enjoyed using the computer suite. In addition, they have been working hard at their maths and in History have been finding out about Buckfastleigh past and present. They have loved looking at pictures of what Buckfastleigh was like 100 years ago.
- Year 2 have been learning about different explorers. They learnt about Sir Francis Drake and his voyage around the world. They were very interested finding out about Ibn Batutta, a famous Muslim explorer. He went on a pilgrimage to Mecca and spent the next 29 years travelling around the world sharing his faith with others.
- Year 3 have begun learning how to program on Scratch. They have really impressed us with how quickly they are learning how to use programming blocks. In DT, the children have learnt about levers and linkages and enjoyed exploring how to make simple mechanisms using cardboard levers.
- Year 4 have been testing hydraulic and pneumatic systems in DT. They have used plastic tubes and syringes to do this and loved exploring how they worked.
- Year 5 have learnt about gravity and are planning to do an experiment about parachutes. Using the computers, they have overlaid 2D shapes to create fascinating vector diagrams. As part of their History, they have used maps to explore the movement of people from the countryside to the city during the industrial revolution.
- Year 6 have had a lot of fun learning their dance for Primary Body Language. This will be taking place later this term and we are hoping parents will be able to go along. In DT, they have been learning about cams and have designed a system which uses a cam to move part of an animal.

## Design your own T-Shirt Competition for World Book Day – 3<sup>rd</sup> March

We will be running a competition in school for World Book Day around designing a t-shirt. See the design brief below so your child can start to think about their design.

- Design a t-shirt with your favourite book character.
- Any medium can be used to achieve this e.g. felt tip, ink, paint, collage.

**New Road Parking** – please be careful parking on New Road in the morning. A number of parents and local residents have been concerned about cars on the yellow zig-zag lines blocking traffic and making it unsafe for children.

*Have a great weekend*

*Eddie Brown*

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