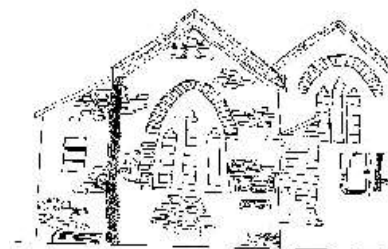




BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 30th September 2016



Achievements to Celebrate Branscombe Waves Award:

Lily: Trying hard to learn her numbers and sounds

Mason: Craftsmanship and care in producing mosaic printing artwork

Felix: Commitment in making sure homework and class work are completed on time

Dear Parents,

This week, Class 2 have completed their first sequence of work in Maths, "Number and Place Value" and begun their new "Addition and Subtraction" sequence. In their Literacy work, they are also coming to the end of their first sequence of work, in which they have looked at the features of an information text. Having read texts about the Romans, the children researched and wrote their own texts about the Celts. They adapted these after being given some feedback. Then they chose an area of life in the Roman Empire that they would like to know more about and used their reading skills to research facts and make notes. They are now writing reports about different topics, from the Roman Army, to Houses and Homes in the Roman Empire, to Roman Entertainments and Roman food and Drink. Next, they will begin a sequence of work in which they will be reading and writing stories set in a historical setting.

Class two have also been finding out about Forces in Science. Year 3 has been investigating magnets, while Years 5 and 6 experimented with friction.

In Class 1 this week the children have been learning more about habitats and microhabitats in Science. They got to the bottom of the meaning of these words and found out that there are two main types of habitats - land-based and water-based, before investigating habitats within our school property. The children learnt more about the difference between mammals, reptiles, amphibians and birds, before using identification keys to think about the difference between mini-beasts and insects.

In RE the children have been thinking about the meaning of the word God and what it means to them. They have been investigating sensory bottles that tell the creation story. When learning about the creatures that God created, they thought about the difference between jelly and jellyfish; this led to fun in the tuff-spot where we made jellyfish out of jelly!

Next week our KS2 children across the federation have been invited to take part in a Handball Tournament at Honiton Leisure Centre along with the other schools within the Honiton Learning Community. It is always a fun event that the children really enjoy.

Thank you for all your continued support.

God bless and have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe CE School

Question of the week:

Class 1: What came first, the chicken or the egg?

(Last weekend, this question was the cause of a great debate and lots of time spent on the Internet trying to get to the bottom of it. In my house we still can't agree on the outcome but I have spent a lot of time laughing and I hope you do too!)

Class 2: Roman soldiers were brave in battle. When have you had to be brave? How did it make you feel?

Pupil Nationality and Country of Birth

Last week we sent home a letter requesting that all parents fill in and return the form stating their child's nationality and country of birth. We have had most responses back already, but if you have not yet responded we will make the assumption that your child's nationality and place of birth are United Kingdom. *If this is not the case, please let us know by Monday 5th October as our school census is next week.*

Key Dates:	
Mrs Gray will be at Branscombe on Friday next week	
4 th October	Handball tournament at Honiton Leisure Center
20 th October	Parents' Evening
21 st October	School Photos – New Date Last day of half term
1 st November	Children return from half term

Drop In Paolozzi Workshop – Saturday 8th October 11am – 3pm

Join the Double Elephant Print Workshop to print some colourful Paolozzi wallpaper! Part of the Get Creative Family Arts Festival. Drop in anytime between 11am and 3pm.

All ages/abilities welcome. No experience needed! All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Free, suggested donation £2/child.

Thelma Hulbert Gallery (THG), Elmfield House, Dowell Street, Honiton EX14 1LX

www.thelmahulbert.com

Sidmouth and Ottery Hockey Club Junior Academy

Age Groups: 8 -16 years

Venue: Sidmouth Sports Centre AstroTurf, Primley Road, Sidmouth. (switches every half term- After half term, Late October onwards Ottery Sports Centre.)

Time 10-11 AM boys, 11-12 NOON girls For parents: tea and coffee is available, and a "Rusty Hockey" coached session 10-11AM for any parents wishing to have a go themselves!

For more information: www.Sidmouthandotteryhc.co.uk or call Lucy Miller 01395 597474

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