



The Branscombe Waves



**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY
SCHOOL
WITH LITTLE EXPLORERS' PRE-SCHOOL
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Zoe: For outstanding progress across all areas of the EYFS curriculum.

Olivia: For being an excellent role-model and demonstrating super behaviour on our school trip.

Freya: For always being willing to help.

Agatha: For always being willing to help.

Dear Parents,

We welcome Mrs Harvey to the school this week. In their topic work the children in Class 1, have been looking at the paintings of Claude Monet, in particular those of his garden. Inspired by his paintings they have painted watercolour pictures of the gardens that they explored at Bicton Park last Thursday. They very successfully had a go at imitating Monet's style.

The Little Explorers went on a plant hunt on Monday to gather some plants for the EYFS and KS1 children to study in their science lesson. The children named the parts of the plant and made observational drawings of them. They also discussed the various uses of plants, such as for food and medicine. The children also identified the ways in which we know that a plant is a living thing.

The children in Class 1 have continued to look at the story of 'The Tiny Seed' and have had a go at writing their own ideas for various disasters that could happen to the seeds. They have been using a story map to support them in their writing. In Maths, Class 1 have been identifying 2-D shapes in the school environment, and have discussed their properties and sorted them into shape families.

This week, the children in Class 2 have been publishing their written work about the Ancient Egyptian process of mummification, ready for display. They have been making their own model mummies out of tin foil and strips of kitchen paper. Once the mummy cases they have made have been painted and decorated with hieroglyphics in next week's Art lesson, they should be ready to create a spectacular classroom display about mummies and mummification! Meanwhile, the children have each chosen one aspect of life in Ancient Egypt to research in more detail, and write an explanation about - in the form of a set of instructions.

In their Maths work this week, the children have begun to review their knowledge of shapes and angles. Some of the older members of the class are also learning how to plot points and draw and move shapes on a coordinate grid. The year 6 children have been consolidating their understanding of drawing, positioning and translating the position of shapes on a grid divided into 4 quadrants and have begun to solve problems involving working out missing coordinates from what they already know.

Following their learning about the digestive system last week, this week Class 2 have focused more closely on teeth and eating, learning about (or revising) the functions and names of different teeth and also developing their knowledge of food groups and what constitutes a healthy diet. Later in the term, they will be learning more about the teeth and the diets of different animals.

At the end of last week, Class 2 enjoyed the opportunity to help prepare the school garden, weeding and digging over the soil ready for planting. They have since made a rota so that each week, three children from Class 2 will help to look after the garden, water the plants and remove the weeds. It would be helpful if, in the weeks when they are on gardening duty, the children can come to school suitably prepared with gardening clothes, coats and wellies.

Next week, on Thursday 10th May, which is Ascension Day, our Collective Worship will take the form of a school Eucharist service in St. Winifred's church. We welcome parents to join us in the church at 9.15am for this service if you are able. The focus of the service will of course be linked to Jesus' ascension into heaven following his death and resurrection.

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 is your favourite flower and why?

Class 2: When have you mended a broken friendship? How did you mend it? What advice would you give to someone who is finding it hard to get along with one of their friends?

Key Dates

Spring Term 2018

7th May- May Day Bank Holiday

10th May- CEOPs internet safety training, parent session 3.30-4.30pm (for parents of pupils in all year groups).

14th May - KS2 SATs Week

18th May – Royal Wedding Celebrations.

25th May - Non Pupil Day

28th May – 1st June - Half Term

13th June – Key Stage 2 trip to the RAMM Museum, Exeter.

7th June, 14th June, 21st June, 28th June, 5th July, & 12th July, KS2 Swimming Lessons.

Sunday 1st July- Exe Valley Challenge (more info. to follow soon)

19th July (pm) - Branscombe Summer play

Key Stage 2 Trip to the Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Exeter.

This trip has now been rearranged for Wednesday June 13th. We thank you for your patience with this unexpected change. Please look out for a separate letter, which will be sent home in due course, regarding this trip.

We've Won!

At the start of this academic year we found out that we had been anonymously nominated for the Environmental Youth Award that is given out each year at the Royal Bath and West Show. A judge visited in October, to look at the environmental work that we have carried out over a

number of years across the curriculum and with local community projects. We found out this week that we have won the Devon category. We are delighted with this and we win a certificate, trophy and donation to the school. We are now entered into the final stage of the competition – where we are judged against youth organisations in other South West counties. The prize giving (and the result of the final category) will be done on Friday 1st June at the show itself. The organisers would love some school families to attend the day and collect the award. We have 2 free adult tickets and 10 free children's tickets available, but more are available on line. If you are able to go on the day please come and talk to Mrs Gray ASAP, so that we can tell the organisers that we have enough people attending. This won't be a school organised trip, as it is in half term, but we will all meet up at the showground for the presentation. It would be super if we had a good turn out and I'm sure it will be a great day!

Royal Wedding Celebrations

On Friday 18th May we will be having a 'Royal Street Party' in the afternoon to celebrate the marriage of Harry and Meghan. We would like the children to come to school dressed as someone in the Royal Wedding Party or as a wedding spectator dressed in red, white and blue. We would like the children to bring some party food (perhaps with a royal theme!) to share on the day. We would also like the children to bring a donation for charity which will be used to support our Federation Community Fund which is used to sponsor a child in Ghana, and to give to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Beer Blazer

This popular annual fun run, organised by Beer Primary School, will take place on 20th May 2018, in Beer, East Devon, over 'Grizzly' territory- fields, tracks, cliff tops and open common. The race will start at 10.30am from Pecorama, Mare Lane, Beer, EX12 3NA. Over the past 3 years we have had a team of runners from Branscombe School, and we would like to repeat this again, this year. The 1 mile fun run costs £2 to enter. The Beer Blazer Facebook page is BeerBlazer (without a space), and the online entry form is at <https://www.fullonsport.com/event/beerblazer/profile>

Collective Worship Activity

This term we have been focussing in school on the value of Friendship. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together. If the children bring back something that you have done at home linked to the Collective Worship activity, or can talk about a discussion they've had at home linked to it, then Mrs Gray will award them with a new special sticker.

THINK TOGETHER **Words of Wisdom**

"A good **friend** is worth their weight in gold."

Anon

That's a lot of gold!
Why do you think that this is such a popular proverb?

Cake sale
3.15pm on May 11th

