

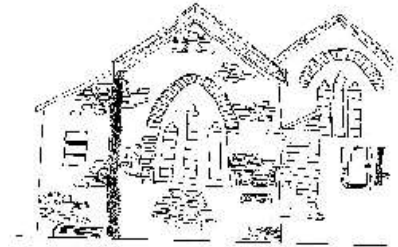
BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Branscombe C of E Primary School
Children's Aims
We will try to:



The Branscombe Waves



Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely half term break. The children are continuing with their Spring Term topics of 'Animals' in Class 1 and 'Space' in Class 2. There are going to be lots of events over the coming weeks that should really inspire the children with their learning. Class 1 have made some super dinosaurs out of pasta this week which look great and will link perfectly with a Jurassic Coast event in a few weeks that we are planning with the local Jurassic Coast Ambassador. Class 1 will also be having a visit from Zoo Lab shortly where they will have the chance to see, and handle, a variety of small animals and bugs. We are grateful that this is being part funded by the PTFA.

As I write this newsletter today I hear can hear the percussion lesson that Class 2 have been taking part in this term. They have had great fun working together and they are looking forward to performing a concert for you on 4th April – do please make a note in your diaries!

Next week we are very excited that the Space Dome will be visiting us to allow the pupils a 'planetarium' experience. I'm looking forward to hearing about what the children enjoyed and learnt during the event.

Next week of course is Shrove Tuesday. Further details are included below regarding our annual Pancake Races.

As always if you feel you can support the classes in any way with their topics please let us know and do try to discuss the 'questions of the week' with your children to encourage them to think more widely about the areas they are studying.

God bless and have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School

Questions for the week

Class 1: What kinds of living creatures might you find within a short walk from your home? Don't forget underground! Would you find your favourite animal? Why?

Class 2: Why do we have a moon and how does it affect us?

Key Dates:

Mrs Gray will be in school on Monday and Tuesday next week.

Tuesday 4th March	Parents' Evening Pancake Day Races
Wednesday 5th March	First construction club, first netball club
Thursday 6th March	Space Dome First textile club
Thursday 13th March	Gymnastics Final Godly Play ZOO LAB, Class 1
Thursday 27th March	Jurassic Coast Event (see below)
Friday 4th April	Last day of term Percussion assembly, 9.15 in Class 1, parents welcome. (Please note this will replace our usual Sharing Assembly in the afternoon.)

Parents Evening – Tuesday 4th March

Appointment times will be sent home in book bags today.

Bag2School

The collection date is this coming Monday, 3rd March. Please bring filled bags up to classroom 3 by 9am. Thank you.

Jurassic Coast Event

This event will be run in conjunction with the Jurassic Coast Ambassadors, and will be a full day of activities designed to help the children learn more about dinosaurs, fossils, and the importance of the Jurassic Coast.

ZOO LAB

On Thursday 13th March Zoolab will be coming to school to spend an afternoon in Class 1. Broadhembury children will be here too, and all the children will find out about lifecycles, how the Zoolab animals deal with winter and what happens in Springtime. The children will have the opportunity to get close up to a variety of small animals and bugs.

Road Closure

We have been informed by South West Highways that they will be making essential repairs on the road between the Fountainhead and the Post Office during the week commencing **Monday 10th March**. The road is likely to be closed until **Friday 14th March**, depending on weather conditions.

Cake Sale

The next cake sale will take place on Monday 3rd March after school. Cakes will cost 50 pence each, and money raised will go toward the PTFA fund. Thank you in advance to Jenny and Jo who will be providing and selling cakes this time.

Pancake Day races

As you know, our annual pancake races will take place from 2pm on Tuesday 4th March. Please can each child make sure they bring a **small frying pan** and a **pancake** for the races and could each family also contribute 6 pancakes to be eaten afterwards. Any donations of lemons, lemon juice or syrup would also be welcome. If you are able to help to set up before the races, or help serve pancakes afterwards, please speak to Amanda Darragh.

School Uniform

Now that we are (hopefully) nearing Spring, you may want to consider buying your child a new cap. We have a good stock of school caps in the office, and these are for sale at £3.70 each.

A Thank You

Thank you so much to everyone for the birthday gifts, card and well wishes yesterday, Nicola.