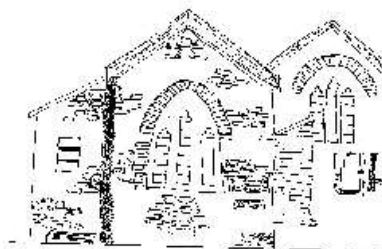




BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Achievements to Celebrate Branscombe Waves Award:

Reginald: Writing a super bread recipe and working hard on writing skills

Ismay: A confident performance retelling our focus story in Literacy

Taliesin: A 'have-a-go' attitude in literacy and persevering to overcome challenges in Maths

Dear Parents,

This week our children have had their monthly outdoor learning session with the National Trust team, this time working down by the stream.

Class 1 did an investigation to find out whether different materials would float or sink, before making their own miniature rafts. They each chose some sticks to make the raft with and decided how to tie them together for best



effect. They then chose different items collected from the orchard to decorate their raft. When they were finished, Mr Ford put each raft in the stream while the children watched to see if they would float under the bridge.



Class 2's session brought together several strands of their recent classwork, including Geography work on rivers, Science work on habitats and Maths work on finding an average measurement. First, they visited the stream by the village hall.

They considered the factors that might affect what lives in the stream and did some stream-dipping. Using a classification key they identified some of the creatures they found, such as water crickets, mayfly nymphs, shrimps and water worms. Some of the children also measured the depth and flow rate of the stream, taking several measurements and finding the average. The class then went on a "River and Stream" scavenger hunt, looking for features such as a meander, ford, tributary or confluence, as well as observing different ways in which the water is used by people. They observed that the water flows faster on the



inside of a bend and tends to erode the bank there, while it flows more slowly on the outside of a bend and tends to deposit sand and rocks there. They had a lot of fun whilst also developing their vocabulary and understanding.



Next week we have the first of our Open days on Tuesday. We look forward to welcoming visitors and prospective parents and

children into our school and showing them what our school has to offer. Thank you to those of you who have filled in questionnaires and let us know what you think is great about Branscombe CE Primary School, your feedback has been very helpful.

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 for the week

Class 1: Unfortunately, Roxie was not able to be with us when we were learning about floating and sinking with the NT on Wednesday. What do you think you should tell her about what we found out?

Class 2: What local events, festivals or celebrations have you attended? (Please describe)

Key Dates:

Mrs Gray will be in school on Monday next week.

Tuesday 24th Nov	9.30-11.30 School open morning
Tuesday 1st Dec	1.30-3.00 School open afternoon
Saturday 5th Dec	Branscombe village hall Christmas Fair
Monday 7th Dec	Christingle Service at St Winifred's Church, 6pm
Wednesday 9th Dec	National Trust Session
Tuesday 15th Dec	Christmas Performance (details to follow)
Wednesday 16th Dec	Children's Christmas Dinner in Branoc Hall
Friday 18th Dec	Last day of term.

Collective Worship



FAMILY FOCUS

Making a difference

There are some household jobs that no one really enjoys doing.

- Which is the least popular household job? Who normally ends up doing it? Perhaps different members of the family could take it in turns doing this job for a fortnight!
- Go on a family litter picking walk to help clean up a part of your neighbourhood. Don't forget to wash your hands afterwards! Litter picking should be supervised by an adult.

In case of bad weather

Hopefully the weather will co-operate and the talk of snow will be just talk. However, just in case bad weather does become a reality and school is forced to close, we will ring to inform you in good time. With this in mind, can you please ensure that we have your up to date phone numbers by letting us know of any changes to contact details as soon as possible.

PTFA Notice

The PTFA will be running a Cinderella themed tombola and face-painting stall at the upcoming Branoc Hall Christmas Fair on December 5th. They have requested donations of anything Cinderella related to decorate the stall with, as well as any adult/teenager sized clothing that might be suitable for a Cinderella or Ugly Sister costume. Please speak to Nikki Lewens or Claire Graysmark if you think you have anything suitable. Thank you.

**Good quality second hand toys,
children's clothes and baby items**

Farway C of E Primary School

**Bekli's
Bakes!
Cake
stall**

TOY SALE

**Refreshments
Available**

Saturday 21st of November 2015

Great Christmas Bargains!

2pm- 4pm