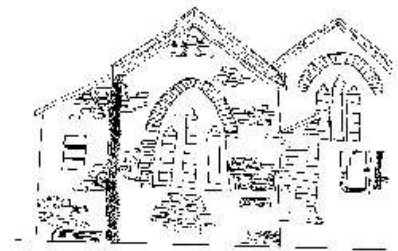




BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Achievements to Celebrate Branscombe Waves Award:

Tilly: Great commitment to learning and concentration.

Ian: Enthusiasm and hard work in maths.

Tom: Always trying hard, being helpful, and a real asset to the class. Well done.

Grace: A noticeable improvement in concentration and the effort that you put into your work.

Dear Parents,

This week, Class 1 enjoyed their second visit to the orchard to learn more about habitats and to think about the food chains that form part of life for the creatures living here. The children began their session by playing lots of games; they helped them to think about the difference between mammals, birds, reptiles, minibeasts and amphibians, as well as the difference between predators and their prey! During the morning they had the opportunity to check on their bug hotels to see if they had attracted any visitors; they also played the roles of a variety of animals,



positioning themselves in the food chains that they would expect to find them in. Finally they made some hedgehog hibernation houses, filling them with a bed of straw and a blanket of dried leaves. The children are hoping that they make a cosy home for some spiky friends in the coming winter months.

In English the children have come to the end of their second sequence based on the text 'Lord of The Forest'.

The children have enjoyed the wonderful imagery created in the story and have written some imaginative stories of their own, set in their favourite habitats from across the globe. Do visit us to read our ideas!

In Class two the week began with a very active day on Monday. After their athletics lesson in the morning with PE coach Richard Ralph, the children of Class 2 had an afternoon of outside learning with the National Trust. Having set out from school in beautiful sunshine just minutes before, the afternoon activities were delayed when the class was caught in a sudden downpour of rain. Thankfully the rain soon passed and the fun began. Continuing the theme of 'Invaders and Settlers', the first activity was a 'Romans and Celts' invasion wide game, in which the children had to consider their team strategy to avoid being captured by the 'enemy'! Next, the battle having temporarily ceased, the children



considered the different job roles that would be needed in building their new settlement and the equipment that they might find most useful.

On Tuesday afternoon, Class 2 rounded up our work on the Roman invasion in Britain by considering the lasting legacy that was left by the Romans in our country - from language to straight roads to concrete to apples and pears to pet cats... and much more besides. Wednesday was a busy day, getting ready for our Roman day at Farway on Thursday. The children prepared a range of Roman recipes: stuffed 'dormice' (pastry mice stuffed with sausage filling), spiced chicken legs, ricotta and honey tarts and stuffed dates. While the cooks were busy, the craftspeople were making half a dozen Roman shields to be used in practising army drills on Thursday.

Thursday saw much fun and games as our "Roman" topic drew to a close with the federation coming together for the Roman Road-show and a magnificent Roman feast. It was a fantastic experience. In the morning we were visited by experts from the Royal Albert Memorial Museum who led activities associated with the Seaton Down Horde, discovered locally. The children talked to a Roman who was here two thousand years ago, did archaeological digging, handled artefacts and made Roman coins. After a fantastic Roman feast prepared by the three schools, we saw the children getting in to Roman life by writing on clay tablets, with Miss Moss;



building aqueducts to provide Rome with water with Mrs Redding from Broadhembury; and practising army drills, including tortoise formation, with Mr Smith from Farway. Great fun was had by all, and the children cannot wait for the next Federation event.



Thank you very much for the support of you parents for kitting out our young Romans so spectacularly and for the fantastic shields that they came armed with; I think they all learnt a lot from the experience and will remember the day for quite some time.

After half term, Class 2 will continue to learn about Invaders and Settlers - this time, the Anglo-Saxons.

Thank you for sending your children in to school looking so smart today for the individual school Photos. The order forms should be in the book bags tonight.

Next week is Half term, myself and the staff team all wish you a lovely break and will see you back at school on **Tuesday 1st November**; nice and refreshed. On Friday 4th November the children from Farway School will be joining us for an exciting sporting event. Sports for Champions will be coming in to run a sponsored fitness event with the children to raise money for the school. As part of the day GB international athlete Sarah Barrow will be joining us, to work with the children during the events and deliver an inspiring presentation to them at the end of the afternoon. Sarah is a British diver. She won the gold medal at the 2012 European Championships at the 10 meter synchro event and also represented Great Britain at the 2012 Summer Olympics. Further information and a sponsor form is coming home to you today in the children's book bags.

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

School Games Awards



We are very proud to announce that all three schools in the Federation have achieved a bronze award in the Sainsbury's Sponsored School Games Scheme. The School Games is a national initiative and a unique opportunity to motivate and inspire millions of young people across the country to take part in more competitive school sport. We were awarded this because of the sporting experiences which we have provided for the children over the last academic year, these include the events we attend with the Honiton Learning Community, PE lessons, extra-curricular clubs, Federation events and other visitors offering sporting experiences. Please look out for certificates going up in each school and maybe next year we can go for silver!



Question of the week:

Class 1: What is your favourite memory?

Class 2: We have been thinking about the legacy of the Ancient Romans. What sort of legacy would you like to leave behind you and why?

Miss Moss would like to remind parents that the question of the week is intended to be a discussion question for children and parents to discuss their ideas. The children are asked to record some of the different points of view from this discussion in the back of their home learning books but many of them have not done this - or have only recorded their own answer. Miss Moss is quite happy for the parents or guardians of younger children in the class to support them in the recording of their discussions!

Parking Reminder

When dropping off and collecting children, **please do not park in the passing place at the rear of the school.** We have noticed several different cars doing this during the last week. Thank you.

Christmas Cards

Just a little reminder that the order cut off date for your Dandy Art Christmas Cards is today. You can place orders up to midnight online.

Yellow Polo Shirt Reminder

Last term the PTFA kindly purchased a set of yellow polo shirts for the children to wear when attending events. We are delighted that these are being made use of but would like to remind parents that when the children bring them home, they need to be washed, ironed and returned to school as soon as possible so that they are available the next time they are needed. Thank you.

AdHoc Lunch help

Occasionally when staff members are off sick we need extra help at lunchtime. If you are sometimes free during the week around the lunch hour and would be happy to be on our list of back-up helpers that we can call upon when we have an urgent need, please let the office know. Thank you.

Year 6 Secondary School applications reminder

If your child is currently in year 6 and you have not yet made an application for secondary school, please do so soon. The deadline is October 31st.

Quiz and Supper night at Broadhembury

12th November at 7.30pm. Teams of 4 – 6. £5 per ticket to include a chilli & jacket supper. Tickets are available from Broadhembury Village shop and Honiton Sports. It is looking to be a super fun evening, please come and support it. – Organised by Broadhembury PTA.

Key Dates:	
Mrs Gray will be at Branscombe on Wednesday and Thursday the week we return.	
21st October	Last day of half term
1st November	Children return from half term
4th November	Sports personality visit
18th November	Flu Vaccinations
5th December	Christingle Service
15th December	Christmas Play
19th December	Christmas Lunch
21st December	Last day of term
9th January	First day back at school

Collective Worship Activity – Service

