



**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**  
**WITH LITTLE EXPLORERS' PRE-SCHOOL**  
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**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018**



**Branscombe Waves**

**Jay:** for developing regular habits of reading at home and using a reading journal effectively.

**Samuel:** for a super effort to improve and edit his writing.

**Grace:** for her thoughtful responses during Collective worship.

**Poppy:** for great focus and effort during phonics sessions.

Dear Parents,

Class 1 have had a busy week using the gardening topic to inspire their literacy writing. On Monday, they followed a set of instructions to create an 'Egg Cress Head'. They had to read the instructions carefully - bossy verbs told the children what to do, time connectives told them when to do something, and adverbs told them how. The children learnt that in order for the cress to grow, the head needs to be in a damp, warm environment - they have been growing quickly already, the class think they look rather good!



We were very lucky this week, as Helen visited us from the Devon Greater Horseshoe Bat Project. The children learnt all about the different species of bat in our local area and were surprised to know there are lots of pregnant Mummy bats roosting in a barn very close to Branscombe! Helen introduced us to the Bat Buddy School Award which we can complete by doing tasks to help protect the bats. Have a look at the live webcam at <http://devonbatproject.org/> where you can also find lots of information about how to get involved.



Unfortunately Mrs Harvey is poorly at the moment. We are pleased to say that Miss Watts has been able to cover the majority of her absence ensuring continuity for the children. We look forward to Mrs Harvey coming back to Branscombe very shortly.

This week, the children in Class 2 went to Egypt - using 'Google Earth'! The children drew maps showing the location of some of Egypt's significant features and historical locations, and began to find out more about the country. They have also been developing their understanding of Ancient Egypt by learning the songs from their forthcoming summer production, 'A Glint of Gold'.

In their RE lesson last week, the children learnt about the 'Five Marks of Mission' of the Church of England. This week, they learned more about the biblical character of Saul, who became known as Paul. The children read stories about Paul in the book of Acts and identified some of the five marks of mission in these stories, discovering more about what 'mission' means to Christians and what a missionary is. They looked at maps of Paul's missionary journeys. Next, the children will be learning more about other Christian missionaries and exploring their biographies to discover how they showed the 'Five Marks of Mission' in their lives. This will link with the children's current work in Literacy, in which they have begun to explore the features of an effective biography text. The core text they are using for this Literacy sequence of work is '50 Women in Science', which explores the lives, achievements and challenges faced by 50 women who have made significant contributions in a wide range of scientific and technological fields.

At the end of the week, Class 2 joined other children from across the Federation for their practice walk for the Exe Valley Challenge on 1st July, in which many of the Branscombe Class 2 children will be taking part. This event, which takes place in Exeter, beginning at Isca College, is a challenge in which the children walk along the river and canal paths from Isca College into the quayside at Exeter, out to Countess Wear and back to Isca via the crematorium. This week, the children walked part of this route so that they could become more familiar with the area and the route, as well as considering how they could take care of their own safety and that of their group members while walking together in teams for the event

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:** Can you find a piece of artwork that features plants, flowers or a garden?

**Class 2:** Joseph Addison wrote, "Reading is to the mind, what exercise is to the body" Frederick Douglass said, "Once you learn to read, you will be forever free". What do you understand these quotes to mean? Do you agree with them? Why/ why not?

## Key Dates

### Spring Term 2018

28<sup>th</sup> June, 5<sup>th</sup> July, & 12<sup>th</sup> July. Swimming Lessons.

26<sup>th</sup> June- Year 6 Junior Life Skills at the Donkey Sanctuary.

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July- Exe Valley Challenge.

20<sup>th</sup> July (pm) - Branscombe Summer play.

23<sup>rd</sup> July – Federation Sports Day and Race for Life.

24<sup>th</sup> July – Last Day of Term.

## Class 2 PE

Please could all children have a pair of long trousers or leggings in their PE kit? Often the PE class takes place on the tennis court which is a slightly gravelly surface and longer trousers may help protect against a knee injury if a child falls over.

## Federation Sports Day and Race for Life

On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July, all of the children will be taking part in our annual Federation Sports Day. As part of this event, we will be holding a 'Race for Life' to help raise money for the Cancer Research charity. We hope that you will aid us in raising money for this worthy cause, and give the children something to feel really proud of. Thank you.

## Ticks:

As Branscombe is known to have a tick population and they are now in their most active season, please make sure that you are checking your children regularly for ticks. See the NHS website for information on how to safely remove ticks. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/insect-bites-and-stings/treatment/>

## Summer Play - Change of Date

Due to unforeseen circumstances we have had to change the date of the Summer performance. This will now take place on **Friday 20th July at 1.30pm**

## Collective Worship Activity

This term we have been focussing in school on the value of Hope. 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.



## QUIZ Word Search

Find the words from the story of Noah.  
12 creatures are also hidden in the word search. They were on the boat!

NOAH	CREATURE	FORTY
ARK	DAYS	HOPE
BOAT	DOVE	NEST
BUILD	FLOODS	PROMISE
	GOD	RAINBOW
		WORLD

