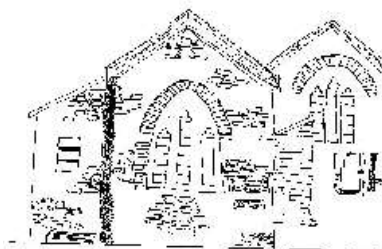




BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 10th June 2016



Dear Parents,

Pupils in Class 1 have been working exceptionally hard this week, making a fantastic start on new units of work in English, Mathematics, Science and History. In English they have begun studying 'The Rainbow Fish' and have participated in Drama activities to improve their familiarity with the story. The children have been thinking carefully about the interesting vocabulary that they have met and finding synonyms for a variety of adverbs and adjectives using the thesaurus. In 'spelling, punctuation and grammar' lessons, they have been learning about how to use inverted commas correctly to demarcate the dialogue in their writing. Within their Mathematics lessons they have been learning about multiplication and division, as well as fractions of numbers. They have been concentrating on halves, quartering and thirds and have thought about the language/symbols associated with these skills, such as doubled, twice as much as and divided by. Science and History was all mixed up together when the children found out about the adventures of Charles Darwin who went sailing on his ship 'The Beagle', and the discoveries that he made on the Galapagos Islands. The children learnt about adaptation and made their very own notebooks, like that of Darwin himself, to document their learning about creatures such as komodo dragons, lava lizards and giant turtles!

Class 2 have also had a busy week and they began their swimming lessons at Sidmouth pool on Tuesday. They began their new focus on the heroes of Ancient Greece by using maps and pictures to learn a little more about the geography of Greece and beginning to make a timeline of some of the major events in Ancient Greece. In Literacy, they have begun a sequence of work in which they shall be reading some Greek myths and legends and writing them in the form of play scripts. They have also made a start on preparations for our end-of-year play, which will be linked to the topic of Ancient Greece, featuring characters such as Zeus, Hera, Hermes, Icarus and Prometheus.

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 Primary School

Question of the week:

Class 1: In Collective Worship this week we have been thinking about persevering with the truth. Has there even been a time that you have found it difficult to speak the truth? What made it hard? What did you do in the end?

Class 2: Which sense would you least like to lose: sight or hearing? Why?

Key Dates:	
Mrs Gray will be in school on Wednesday next week.	
Wednesday 15th June	C1 Beach School
Sunday 3rd July	Exe Valley Challenge
Monday 18th July	Summer Performance, 1.30pm
Thursday 21st July	Leavers' Service, St Winifred's, 9.15am Last day of term

Sun Cream and Hats

Now that the summer weather has arrived, please make sure that your child has a sun hat in school, and has sun-cream already applied. If you would like to send sun-cream in with your child, they must be able to apply this themselves.

Junk Modelling Materials

Class 1 are still in need of junk modelling materials. Please continue to bring in anything you have available, especially:

- Boxes of different sizes (very small to cereal box size)
- Cylindrical tubes e.g. Kitchen roll tubes (not toilet roll tubes)
- Camera film canisters
- Interestingly shaped boxes (eg triangles, prisms etc)
- Yogurt type bottles
- Yogurt pots.

Messy Church

This will take place at the Reece Strawbridge Centre from 4-6pm this Sunday. Bring all the family and join in for crafts, games, songs, worship time and a meal together. All activities and food free (donations appreciated). Everyone welcome.

Collective Worship

