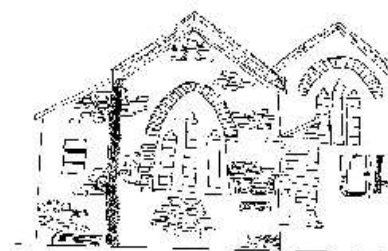




BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Achievements to Celebrate Branscombe Waves Award:

Harvey: Being friendly, having fun and playing fairly

Freya: An outstanding poem about a coconut shy

Amelie: Hard work and concentration to improve her written addition and subtraction skills

Caleb: Playing competitively, selflessly and inclusively in the handball tournament

Dear Parents,

As you know last week Class 2 had a poetry party, where they worked as groups to rehearse and present some "performance" poems, using sound effects and actions. They also then each recited a poem they had learned by heart. The children really enjoyed their afternoon, as you can see from the picture!



This week Class 2 have had a very successful art lesson looking at the botanical drawings of Beatrix Potter and then having a go at emulating her



techniques in their sketchbooks. They made some careful observational sketches and added some colour with watercolour paints.

Both classes had a session with the National Trust on Wednesday this week. Class 1 learned about how fire burns, and what is needed to make a fire. They collected things that they thought would burn on a fire and learned these had to be dry. Some of the children had a go at lighting a fire using a flint and steel. When the fire was lit, they very much enjoyed using it to toast some marshmallows.

Class 2 looked at the different types of land use in Branscombe and learned a little more about the land owned by the National Trust and how it came to be owned and managed by them. The children coloured maps to show the areas used for agricultural, recreational, institutional,





residential and commercial purposes. They also built a bug hotel in Monterey copse, linking in with their recent science work on habitats.

Next week we have parents' evening on Thursday. You should have received your appointment slips, and we have made every effort to fit these with the times you requested. If you didn't request an appointment but would like one, please speak to your child's teacher who will try to make arrangements for you.

Thank you for all your continued support.

God bless and have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School

Key Dates:

Mrs Gray and **Miss Prince** will be carrying out staff appraisals across the federation next week. Mrs Gray will be at Branscombe on Wednesday and will definitely be at each school for their parents' evenings. If you need to contact her at any time please contact the school office who will get a message to her.

Thursday 22nd Oct	Parents' evening
Friday 23rd Oct	Last day of half term
Tuesday 3rd Nov	First day back after half term
Tuesday 11th Nov	Remembrance Day
Friday 20th Nov	Individual photos

Question for the week

Class 1: 'How much?' or 'How many?' Do you know when to ask, 'how much?' and when to ask 'how many?' Practise choosing the right words with each of the nouns listed in your homework book.

Class 2: What jobs do some of the people in your local community do?

Branscombe Open Day

We will be holding an open morning or afternoon next half term in order for parents of reception children (or other children) to come and see our school. In order that we can make a start on our planning we thought that it would nice if you could tell us what, as parents, you feel is great about Branscombe school, so that we can think how to showcase this. Also, if you have any ideas as to how or where to advertise our open day please let us know. As we get closer to the time, we may ask for your support with the preparation. You can let us know your thoughts about what makes our school great by dropping a note into the office or by emailing us at admin@branscombe.devon.sch.uk.

Textiles Club and Parents' Evening

Textiles club will run as normal next week during parents evening. However, if you would like to pick your child up early following your parents evening appointment, please feel free to do so.