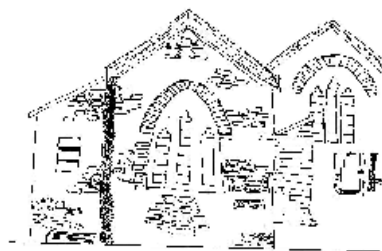




The Branscombe Waves



**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY
SCHOOL**
WITH LITTLE EXPLORERS' PRE-SCHOOL
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Isabella: Being loving and thoughtful to others, Bella welcomed the newest member of our class with open arms.

Olivia: Being friendly and welcoming to a new member of our class; you have been kind, caring and thoughtful.

Agatha: Being an excellent role model of our school values, especially love, friendship, generosity and respect.

Reginald: Being kind and caring to a new member of our class.

Dear Parents,

This week class 1 have been focussing on scarecrows. In Monday's Outdoor Learning session the children chose to build their own scarecrows for the vegetable garden. The children worked in small groups of 5 to construct their scarecrow. This involved them tying three sticks together and then choosing clothes, which were then stuffed with hay! Later on they wrote instructions for what they had done.

The children have also thoroughly enjoyed beginning their new literacy unit, based upon the text 'Farmer Duck'. This began on Monday when they listened to the story 'How to Lose a Lemur'. Having thought about what they heard, they wrote a recount of the narrative to put the story into their own words. Then on Tuesday they compared the text Farmer Duck to Monday's story, thinking about similarities and differences. Everyone made their own story map of Farmer Duck before retelling the story through the small world animals and farm set to their friends! Finally the children were asked to take on the character of Farmer Duck, imagining how he felt about the situations that he found himself in. In character, they wrote postcards to Granddad Duck, explaining what they were thinking and what life was like as Farmer Duck.

Since Sports Day on 18th September, Class 2 have made a good start with developing this term's P.E. focus sport, Hockey. They have been working with their new P.E. coach, Jack White from Premier Sports, to develop their control over the hockey stick when dribbling, and passing a ball, using these skills in a range of games and activities.

Back in the classroom, the focus of the early part of this week was building on the children's learning during the 'Victorian Schools' workshop, which was part of their trip to Tiverton Museum. The children have been learning more about schools in Victorian times, and comparing Victorian education with modern education, to notice what has changed. The children used a variety of primary and secondary sources to do this, including books, videos, websites, photographs and log books. They then used their "Unicorn" imagining skills, to imagine being a Victorian child, and write a diary of a day at school. Later in the week, the children have begun to think about what makes an effective story, as they move into a sequence of learning in Literacy, in which they will be reading and writing stories set in Victorian times.

In this week's RE lesson, the children took a 'virtual tour' of a mosque and learned more about how Muslims worship Allah. The focus of this learning was to recognise how the environment in

the mosque reflects the core Muslim belief that "There is only one god, Allah, and Muhammad is his prophet/messenger". Following this lesson, the children have been set the challenge, for homework over the next couple of weeks, of making their own model of a mosque, demonstrating what they have learned.

I would like to thank all parents and governors for the super support given to the school this week during our Ofsted inspection – it was greatly appreciated. It was lovely to hear that the inspector received so many lovely comments from parents when she spoke to you in the playground. The staff team across the whole federation were, as ever, amazing, and I thank them for being so calm and supportive through what is a very intense day! I will share the report with you as soon as I receive it – although it may be delayed slightly due to the half term holiday.

There will not be a Friday newsletter next week as the clerical staff member responsible for this has a planned absence. However, if there is anything urgent we will send a note home on Thursday.

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 write out the numbers from one to ten in alphabetical order, are any in the correct place? Try it with the numbers to twenty and then to thirty!

Class 2: Why can I walk through a gas? Which liquids might I be able to walk through and which would be more difficult? Can I walk through any solid?

Menu Change

Due to temporary staffing issues, the kitchen are unable to provide a main meal on a Friday until further notice. The choices on a Friday will be a jacket potato or a packed lunch. Fish and chips will move to Wednesdays instead. This will begin next week, so if you have already made dinner choices for your child and would like to change these, please make sure you let Alice know by first thing Monday morning.

Skittles Day

Next Thursday all the children will be travelling to Farway Village Hall for the Autumn/Skittles event. All children will need a packed lunch on this day. Please make sure that you return the SOE3 to the office by Tuesday morning.

Key Dates

Autumn Term 2017

12th October- Skittle's Day at Farway Village Hall

20th October – Last Day of Half Term

30th October – Non Pupil Day

31st October – First Day Back for Children

14th November - Parents' Evening

4th December – Christingle service (evening)

12th December – Christmas Lunch

18th December – Christmas Play

19th December- Carol singing and end of Term

Secondary School Reminder

All year 6 parents need to apply for a secondary school place for their child by 31st October 2017. Applications can be made online at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline or by contacting My Devon, the customer service centre, on 0345 155 1019 to request an application form. The application form should be returned to the Admissions Team before the **31st October 2017**.

Class 1 Outdoor Learning Time

On Mondays Class 1 will be doing outdoor learning time every Monday afternoon. Therefore ALL children in Class 1 MUST have the following in school on Mondays:

- A waterproof coat.
- Wellies.
- A change of clothes (non-uniform, suitable for working outside, and possibly getting dirty).
- Waterproof trousers or overalls if possible.

Collective Worship Activity

This term we will be focussing in school on the value of Forgiveness. 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.



Sidmouth Science Festival

The 6th Sidmouth Science Festival will take place from Tuesday 3rd until Sunday 15th October with lots of free events suitable for everyone. Please visit www.sidmouthsciencefestival.org for the full programme, news about events, and details on how to reserve places for some events.