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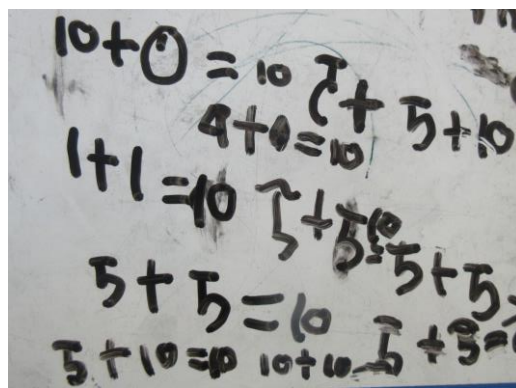
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Dear Parents,

The stimulus for our writing this half term for 'Ready, Steady, Write' was the nursery rhyme 'Georgie, Porgy Pudding and Pie'. In Reception, the children listened to different Nursery Rhymes and then painted their favourite! They had a go at writing the name of it underneath. In Year 1, the children used their knowledge of syllables, nouns, adjectives and verbs to change the nursery rhyme into their own nonsense rhyme. They really enjoyed performing these for you all at sharing assembly. In Maths this half term, Year 1 have been learning to add and subtract numbers to 10 including number pairs to 10. This is something that you could practice at home.



In Reception, the children have been working on their fine motor skills. They have a daily session called 'Hi-Five' which is designed to practise skills such as cutting, pincer grip skills and develops the skills of using cutlery. Well done boys - you have worked really hard this term.



On 29th November, Branscombe, Farway, Broadhembury and Woodbury Salterton's Class 1 children took part in a P.E. sporting event at Branscombe Village Hall. At the event, the children played lots of fun team games, where they had to use their skills of communication and teamwork, working with children they didn't know very well. The children all had a really fun day, there was lots of laughter and high fiving and they were all very tired by the time they arrived back at school!



In addition to continuing their World War 2 topic this month, Class 2 began a new maths unit on multiplication and division; to help their studies they also had daily timetables practice. In Science, they studied magnetism and enjoyed two trips to Honiton Community College, where they conducted experiments in which the children made paperclips levitate, sank paper boats and flew paper helicopters. In English, after concluding their study of persuasive writing Class 2 began a unit on narrative poetry. The children were quite rightly extremely proud of the poems they created and loved sharing their poems in our weekly assemblies. It's wonderful to have so many pieces of beautiful work displayed around the classroom. Class 2 was also regularly filled with the sound of sweet music from the children's tongue drum percussion studies.



Thank you all for your continued support.
God bless and have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Broadhembury CE School

Talking about Learning

When your child has had chance to process the day and is calm, maybe at dinner time. Please can you talk to your child about their learning. This could be done by asking what they have learnt? What lessons have you done today? What is the most interesting thing you've learnt? etc. In school we are working on the children being able to talk about their learning, retrieve information they have learnt and explain their thinking. The more practise they have at this the more it will help them. Thank you for your help with this, and they may share with you some of the great things they are doing each day.

Question of the month

Class 1: If you were a book, what would your title be?

Class 2: Which endangered species do you think will be alive in 100 years?

BROADHEMBURY BRIDGES

Class 1:

Myah - for showing excellent learning behaviours and being such a good learner.

Monty - for excellent listening skills.

George - for showing good learning behaviours and managing distractions well.

Aria - for showing good listening behaviours and always doing her best.

Freddie - for a great effort with his writing today during Ready, Steady, Write.

Phoebe - for being respectful and considerate to her friends and always trying her best.

Class 2:

Oli - for being a good learner as shown by reading progress and great reading at the Memorial Service.

Tyler - for being a good learner – great learning of table facts and Number 1 place in the Federation league table.

Connor - for being helpful and loving to others by always seeking to help and support classmates and teachers.

Lettie - for being a good learner in writing a beautiful piece in English.

Lily – for being a good learner and doing a kind and thoughtful act.

Oscar - for respect by always showing he's ready to learn.

Charlie - for being helpful and loving by being supportive and considerate to another learner who needed explanation.

Alfie - for being helpful and loving when a fellow classmate needed support.

Key Dates

6th December- Year 5 and 6 Athletics at Honiton Community College.

9th December - Christmas Lunch.

13th December - Christmas Play - 5.30pm.

14th December - Class 1 Parents Exhibition.

16th December - Carol Singing in the square and last day of term at 2.30pm.

Tuesday 3rd January- Non-pupil day.

Wednesday 4th January – Children back to school.

Class 1 Parents Exhibition

The children in Class 1 are really excited to welcome their adults into the classroom on Wednesday 14th December at 2pm for an afternoon of festivity. They will be able to show you the work that they have been doing this term for the topic 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers' and you will be able to share some festive activities with them and eat a mince pie or two! Please come along.

Reminders:

School Uniform

Please can you ensure that your child has all their uniform named? It really helps at the end of the day to ensure that the correct jumper is returned to the correct child. Also, as the weather gets colder, please can you ensure that your child has a warm coat and that any hats, gloves etc. are named? Thank you for your help.

School Bus

We have had a request from the bus company who brings the children to school from Dunkeswell, please can parents not park in the bus stop to enable the bus to be able to park and the children to get off the bus safely. Thank you for your cooperation.

Toys

Please can we request that the children do not bring in toys or stickers from home. These often get lost or damaged and cause distractions for the children during the day. Thank you.

Free School Meals

If your circumstances have recently changed your child may have become eligible for free school meals. This will also bring extra funding to the school, which will be used to help your child. For an instant

decision or to learn more please go online at

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals>.

Sharing Assembly

We are pleased to be starting sharing assembly again. This happens on a Friday afternoon at 3pm. All parents/carers are invited to come and see the children sharing their learning of the week, we look forward to inviting you all back to school.

Morning Routine

Following the changes that had to be put in place due to Covid, I wanted to remind parents of the routine and timings for the mornings now that we are back in 'normal times'. Children who **haven't** attended breakfast club are able to come in to school from 8.40am when the gate will be opened. Class 2 children can come straight in through the main door and into class so they can get organised and settled ready for the day's learning. Class 1 parents can bring the children into the playground, where the Class 1 teacher will meet them and bring them up the steps of the Class 1 back door. The gate will be locked again at 9am. Children coming in after this time will receive a late mark in the register. The bus children will be met and brought in to school as usual. Hopefully this will get all children in school and ready for learning in a quicker and more efficient manner. Thank you for your help with this.

Wellbeing

There has been much press in recent months about children's mental health. As part of our drive to support this we are going to include something each month in the newsletter about Health and Wellbeing. We hope you find this section useful. If you have any topics you would like us to find some helpful tips about, please let us know.

Supporting children through difficult times can be challenging, ChildLine's website is aimed at children under 12 and provides age appropriate information on topics including bullying, family, friends, feelings, school, abuse and staying safe. It includes games and therapeutic tools for children to play and express how they are feeling. Please follow the website address below to access the information. <https://www.childline.org.uk/kids>

Collective Worship Activity

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



FAMILY FOCUS

Building a Wall of Wisdom

Everyone has a favourite proverb or wise saying. Talk to family members about proverbs that they think give **wise** advice. Ask them to explain the meaning of the proverb and add it to a 'wall of **wisdom**'.

Build your wall by writing each proverb on a 'brick' cut out of paper. Blu-tack the bricks on to a wall.

You can find lots of proverbs on www.phrases.org.uk



To start you off here three well-known proverbs:

"A chain is only as strong as the weakest link"

"Many hands make light work"

"Don't count your chickens before they hatch"