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Dear Parents,

What a busy September the children have had in Class 1. The African garden has been weeded and we now need to finish it off. If you have any chicken wire or bamboo canes that you would be willing to donate to school, the children would greatly appreciate it. This will allow them to create a self-composting garden that we can plant into in the spring.



In P.S.H.E, the children in Class 1 have been writing their Class Charter. They have signed it using their finger prints and were able to learn about how their prints are unique to them and only them. This has linked in well with our British Values work and we had a good discussion about justice and how finger prints are a way of identifying individuals.

In their theme learning, the Class 1 children have been continuing to learn about Africa. They have learnt how to use the Djembe – which is an African drum, and have used the instruments to help them accompany the African dances they have created in P.E.

In Class 1, during 'Busy Learning', the children have had the opportunity to work in the classroom environment as well as outdoors to complete weekly challenges. This type of learning is child-led and the only constraint on their learning is the open ended challenge. One challenge this month was to create 'Kapiti Plain' which is a fictional place in Africa. To do this, the children learnt about the climate, the environment and the animals that live there. Jacob chose to create his out of Duplo but we also had some made in the sand outside, some in boxes in the making area and some made of bricks in our construction area – well done to everyone.

The children in Class 1 have also been learning about the life of Nelson Mandela and will be writing a biography of his life – watch this space.

On a Thursday morning, Mr Hughes is in Class 1 and is able to participate in our Music Interaction Group with the children who thoroughly enjoy the singing and dressing up. Last week, Sue brought in big socks for us to wear!



Don't forget, Class 1 have a Gym Festival on Monday 7th October. Please send your children to school in their P.E. kit if they have it and make sure that they have a named coat and a water bottle. This is a lovely event for the children and they get a lot out of it in terms of developing core strength and fundamental gym skills such as balance and co-ordination.

In Class 2 this month, the children continued to work on recount writing in Literacy, inspired by the book 'Where my Wellies Take Me' by Michael Morpurgo. They have walked a route around the village, talking about what they could see, hear, smell and how they felt. The children have now written a recount describing their experiences in detail using exciting language.



For their 'Local Study' topic, Class 2 visited Dunkeswell Abbey as part of a Blackdown Hills National Lottery Heritage funded project. They had a fantastic day exploring the ruins, looking at old maps of the site and imagining what life would have been like for the Cistercian Monks that lived there 818 years ago! Later they became archaeologists and excavated real artefacts such as floor tiles and pottery found on the site.

In Science, Class 2 have been experimenting to answer the question: 'What do plants need to grow well?' They have planned their investigation with a specific method and there are lots of plants around the room in light, dark, warm and cold places to see which conditions are the best for growth. The children are recording their findings using a camera every other day and should have their results by half term.

The children in Class 2 have been enjoying completing their Good Samaritan Award challenges at home and at school. Bethany has taught the class a warm up and cool down session in P.E, Lily D has created a wonderful fish made from recycled materials, Amelia has made an Autumn picture from leaves and William has told a story to the younger children using lego. Remember to complete a challenge each week for homework!

As part of extra-curricular time this month. The children took an Autumn stroll down to the village pub garden to pick fruit from the orchard. The children picked apples, pears, blackberries and plums, they used these to make delicious 'harvest delights' for parents to enjoy at the Harvest Festival event. Thank you to all the parents that attended, it was a lovely service.



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

Question of the week

Class One: What is 'good behaviour'?

Class Two: What can you find out about farming in Devon?

BROADHEMBURY BRIDGES

Class 1

Jacob – for being an excellent learner

Max – for becoming a more confident learner

Olivia – for starting so well in Reception

Charlie – for taking responsibility for his own learning and for reading at home

Isabel - for being kind to one of the younger children at lunchtime

Joshua – for becoming a more independent learner in Year 2

Class 2

Oscar - for an excellent start to his time at Broadhembury

Abbie - for amazing presentation in maths

Lewen - for his commitment to learning

Key Dates

Autumn Term 2019

6th October - Broadhembury Church Harvest Festival

7th October- Year 1 & 2 to HLC Gym Event

14th October - NSPCC Visit

15th October- Class 2 trip to Farmwise Event, Westpoint

17th October – Cycling at Bicton for some Year 5/6's

21st – 25th October – Half Term

28th October- Non pupil day

29th October- Federation Mental Health Ambassador meeting at Farway

30th October - Flu Vaccinations

- 31st October- Individual school photos
- 1st November- Class 1 trip to Axe Valley Wildlife Park
- 11th November- Act of Remembrance -10.45am
- 20th December – Last Day of school term

PTFA Dates

12th October - Second Chance Sale in Broadhembury Hall, 4pm - 6pm - men's, women's, children's clothing and accessories

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 week 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.

In school we will continue to talk to the children about being responsible and looking after their own Mental Health by using the 10 a day, please also continue this at home. As parents it's sometimes difficult to spot the signs of when our children may need more help. Please see the link below from Action for Children to see how to look out for signs that your child might be struggling with their mental health.

<https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/support-for-parents/children-s-mental-health/>

Collective Worship Activity

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

PERSEVERANCE
DAY
HELP
HOPE
IGNORE
JUDGE
JUSTICE
KEEP
NEIGHBOUR
PROBLEMS
SARAH
WIDOW

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