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Dear Parents.

In Class 1 this week, Reception children have been ordering numbers to 20, as well as learning and acting out the story of 'The Town Mouse and The Country Mouse' using our stage on the decking. In phonics they have been learning the tricky words - some, come, have and like.

Class 1's Mouse received a letter from his cousin inviting him to stay with him in the Big City. The children came up with reasons why he may or may not like to go and stay, and wrote a reply to Town Mouse.

The caterpillars arrived late last week and have already grown, from 2mm when they arrived, to 25mm today – wow! The children are keeping a daily diary and measuring the caterpillars each day. The children can't wait for them to turn into a chrysalis so that they can study the next phase of the life-cycle.

This week in Class Two we have had a visit from South West Water. The children learnt where our water comes from and how water is cleaned before entering our homes. The children made different kinds of filters to clean their water. They started with a coarse filter, made from large and small stones. The water from this filter was still a bit muddy. The children then made a fine filter from cotton wool and sand. This time the water came out much clearer. All of the children were lucky enough to receive a free water bottle and goodie bag at the end of their session.



The children have also continued their work on life cycles. They researched the life of a Salamander this week, and found out how amphibians' life cycles differ from birds. They have also been lucky enough to have adopted some eggs to hatch! A big thank you to Hettie and the Snell family for lending us an incubator and eggs. The children will keep you posted on how the eggs are doing over the next few weeks.

This weekend the year 5 and 6 children will be going on residential and we look forward to hearing their stories next week. On Thursday next week the children will have the whole school photo – please can pupils be in their full school uniform with school jumper or cardigan. A hair brush may be useful too!

Thank you for all 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 1:** Can you think of a story with the following moral?  
Treat others as you would like to be treated.

**Class 2:** If an animal doesn't have any babies is its life cycle complete?

### **BROADHEMBURY BRIDGES to week ending Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June**

**Class One:** Abigail for working extremely hard for the whole of the week.

**Class Two:** Peyton for carefully painting her fossil picture.

### Key Dates

19<sup>th</sup> June – Year 1 & 2 Science Lesson at Awliscombe

20<sup>th</sup> June- Key Stage 2, Honiton Learning Community Games.

21<sup>st</sup> June – Colyton Church Exhibition Visit – further details to follow

22<sup>nd</sup> June – Whole School Photo

6<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Junior Life Skills at The Donkey Sanctuary – further details to follow

11<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Play

12<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Day

13<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day Reserve Date

18<sup>th</sup> July – Open Evening

21<sup>st</sup> July – Leavers Service 2pm, End of Term.

### Sun cream and Hats

Now that the weather is becoming warmer, please can all children have a sunhat with them every day, and have sun-cream already applied before they come to school, as we are not able to apply it for them. If children can apply sun cream themselves please send them in to school with a named bottle of cream to put extra on during the day. All children need to bring a water bottle into school to take up on to the field and out to play.

## Absence / Medical Notes

When your child is absent **please telephone school on the first day of the absence** so that we know not be concerned that they have not arrived in school. If your child is absent for any reason, even if we send the child home because they feel unwell, please ensure you confirm the reason for the absence in writing. Written confirmation should say the nature of the illness not just 'unwell'. If we haven't received written confirmation we will send you a reminder note. Please could you return it to the office the following week, otherwise an unauthorised absence will be recorded. **Children who have been suffering from a tummy bug must stay away from school for 48 hours from the last 'episode' of illness.**

## Nominate our School!

National Book Tokens have launched a competition to win £5,000 of book tokens, to transform a school library. This would be a brilliant opportunity, and would fill our bookshelves with new and exciting books. We would be extremely grateful for nominations! Search online for School Book Tokens, or visit <https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools#.WUOYTE-WyM9#05Ddy2e72mMsekSF.99>

## Collective Worship Activity

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

### ☆ HALL OF FAME

#### Ernest Shackleton

From the time that he was a small boy Ernest Shackleton longed to go to sea. At sixteen he got his chance and joined the crew of a ship sailing to and from the Far East and America. This was the start of an amazing life of daring and discovery.

In December, 1914, Shackleton set out on perhaps his most famous voyage. It was his third expedition to Antarctica. His ship was called the "Endurance" and his mission to travel 1500 miles across Antarctica. Just 5 weeks later, "Endurance" became frozen in pack ice, unable to move. After being stuck for months the boat began to buckle, crushed by the ice. The crew was forced to abandon ship. They set up camp on an ice floe, but this was too dangerous so Shackleton and his men set out in three lifeboats. After six days, the men reached an isolated, uninhabited spot called Elephant Island.

Shackleton knew that for his men to survive, he must fetch help from a whaling station. It was 800 miles away but it was their only hope! Putting their complete **trust** in him and knowing their leader would return if it was humanly possible, the men watched as Shackleton and four others rowed away. Six long months followed before Shackleton was finally able to rescue his men 126 days later, after a journey of nearly 1600 miles.

Shackleton's courage and the **trust** he inspired in his men live on in legend.

