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Dear Parents,

On Tuesday, Class 1 attended a Zumba session, at the Honiton Community College Dance Studio. The children learnt a Zumba routine, and were able to work with children from other schools, to create and then demonstrate their 'freestyle' moves, to the other groups of children, if they wanted to.

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This week in school, Key Stage 1 have been learning all about Mary Anning. They have plotted her life on a timeline, as part of their history unit. In literacy, Key Stage 1 have been writing their own dinosaur poetry, using rhyming couplets. I am sure that they can't wait to share them with you, in Sharing Assembly.

In Maths, the children are still working hard on addition and subtraction, using their number facts to help them out. They have also been using number lines to help them.

In Reception, the children have continued to develop their understanding of number, in our 'Number House'. They have also enjoyed using our 'Mighty Writer' resource, to create some amazing stories, which they have been able to re-tell. They have had fun creating a swamp outside, for the toy dinosaurs, and then washing them with warm, soapy water to 'get them clean'. Some wonderful learning this week.

On Friday, Class Two journeyed to Branscombe, to take part in a Federation Space Day. During the morning, the children were lucky enough to experience the Star Dome experience, where they could see all of the stars in the Northern Hemisphere, from the comfort of the village hall. Whilst some children were in the Star Dome, the rest of Key Stage 2 took part in activities run by Miss Moss, and Mrs Redding. With Miss Moss the children created timelines covering the history of space travel, and with Mrs Redding they used their sewing skills to stich constellations on to felt, whilst listening to some constellation stories.







In the afternoon, the children all came together to take part in a 'Race to Space' game. Each group was given a country, and a set of resources, to start their own space program. The children soon discovered no one had everything needed to create a rocket, and the trading began. After a furious hour of trading and building, not a single country had a complete rocket, so a winner was decided on the value of resources each country had, at the end. The winners were the U.K, with a staggering £4,500 of money and raw materials. It was great to have the whole federation together for such a busy and exciting day!

On Monday, the children learnt about how the moon travels around the earth. They thought about why the moon appears to change shape throughout the month, and used Oreos, to show the different shapes. The children really enjoyed creating the different shapes, and learning the different names for the phases.



After half term, Class Two will be learning about how astronauts eat in space. If anyone has any unwanted space/astronaut food packets, they would be very much appreciated, to support the children with their learning.

We hope you all have a relaxing half term break, and we look forward to seeing the children back at school, on Monday 19th February.

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 1: Discuss all of the things that you are thankful for this half term.

Class 2: How do astronauts eat in space?

Key Dates

19th February – Children Back to School

1st March – World Book Day

2nd March – TT Rock Stars Day

20th March – Parents' Evening

21st March – World Poetry Day

29th March – Wear a Hat Day

29th March – Last Day of Term

World Book Day/Times Tables Rock Stars

This year World Book Day will be on Thursday the 1st March. Our focus this year is going to be non-fiction texts as we want to encourage the children to read a wider range of books. As non-fiction is a rather abstract theme for dressing up, we will instead be dressing up on the following day to celebrate the launch of Times Tables Rock Stars across the federation – the children in Class 2 will be able to tell you all about this. Children will need to dress as either a real rock star or in rock attire for the event. We look forward to seeing all the outfits!

Egg Boxes

As the chickens are now laying lots of eggs, we are in need of egg boxes. If you have any empty egg boxes, please can they be given to either the chicken monitors, or Mrs Redding. Thank you.

Collective Worship Activity

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



Jesus was travelling along the dusty roads towards Jerusalem. At each village he was welcomed by people, happy to see him and listen to his teaching. But today, as he entered the village he saw in the distance a small group standing apart from the crowd. They were calling out, "Jesus, Master, help us, please make us well." These poor people had a disease called leprosy. They were terribly ill and no-one in the village wanted to go near them.

But Jesus didn't ignore them. He stood among them and prayed for them. As each of them went on his way they began to notice that their whole bodies were healing up. They were so excited that they immediately rushed off to share their good news. Well, nine of them did. The tenth turned and fell on his knees in front of Jesus and **thanked** him for what he had done.

"I healed ten people with leprosy today", said Jesus to the man. "Where are the others?". But then he smiled "Well at least you came back to say **thank** you!".

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