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Dear Parents.

This week in Class 1 the children have been learning the skills that they need to edit and improve on the work that they do. They have been learning how to estimate in maths using real objects to help them. In EYFS the children have continued to tend the garden (despite the bad weather) and discovered their first tomato. As part of our theme learning, the children have been looking at houses and homes in other countries – in particular The Gambia and Iceland. They are in the process of creating their own mud huts, out of mud and straw, and igloos, out of milk bottles. What a busy and interesting week!

This week in Class 2 the children have become 'eco-warriors'. Inspired by our new text 'Eddie the Penguin Saves the World', the children have been doing all sorts of research into penguins and why the ice caps are melting. They have also discovered that some other animals are also being affected by things such as deforestation and are at danger of extinction. Years 5 and 6 have created posters about endangered animals and how we can save them.

The children have also started learning about life cycles. They researched the life cycle of a penguin and found out all sorts of details such as incubation times and the sizes of eggs.

In maths, the children have been working really hard on their number sense units. Years 3 and 4 have been thinking about different units of time, including days in a month. Years 5 and 6 have been practising rounding both seven digit numbers and decimals.

In RE, Mrs Gray shared with the children about the special "Thy Kingdom Come" service she attended at Exeter Cathedral last weekend, to which she took some of the reflections all the children had made in worship, as part of our focus on prayer in the latter part of last half-term. In their RE learning, Class 2 have also been learning more about the story and celebration of Pentecost. They have explored the story through art and looked at symbols used to represent the Holy Spirit. In future weeks, the class will explore further the Christian belief in the Trinity and particularly what the Holy Spirit means to Christians.

Thank you for all your continued support.

God bless and have a lovely holiday.

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

### Question of the week

**Class 1:** Would you rather live in a mud hut or an igloo? Why?

**Class 2:** Whose job is it to protect the environment?

### **BROADHEMBURY BRIDGES to week ending Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

**Class One:** George for bringing in his 'listening ears' this week

#### **Key Dates**

15<sup>th</sup> June – South West Water Visiting the School

16<sup>th</sup> June – Beam House Residential for Year 5 and 6

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

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

20<sup>th</sup> July – Federation Sports Day

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

#### **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.**

#### **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.

#### **Beam House**

Please can parents of all children attending the Beam House residential next week make sure that they return the SOE3s by **Monday morning**. These **MUST** include any relevant medical or dietary information so that we can let PGL know in advance. Thank you.

## 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.



## FAMILY FOCUS

### Get Knotting

Knot tying is an important skill for every crew member on board a sailing ship. For the various parts of the sails and rigging different knots are used and the crew have to **trust** that the knots are tied properly and will hold.

We all use knots occasionally to hold something securely in place. See if you can master these knots:

A Clove Hitch knot, to secure a rope to a post.



A Reef knot to join 2 ropes together.



# Please Sponsor Us



We are a group of mums from Branscombe CE Primary School, who are going to take part in the Colour Obstacle Rush at Exeter Race Course on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. We are hoping to raise some money and split it between the Branscombe Village Playground regeneration and Help for Heroes.

The play area is used by children from the village, from the school and those who visit Branscombe.

If you would like to sponsor us, you can go to our just giving page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/abigail-fuell>

Plus we all have sponsor forms and there will be one at Branscombe CE Primary School.

Many thanks for all you support

Every little penny will help ☺

**Abi Fuell, Tina Salter, Nicola Bullock, Andrea Bass, Jo Gibbins & Emily Hughes**

