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# Dear Parents,

How lovely to see the children back all looking well. I'm sure they have all grown over the half term as the carpet suddenly seems smaller! We have had a change around in Class One to accommodate our lovely new flooring. The children have been enjoying finding out where the new areas are.

As the weather has been so spring-like, the EYFS children have been able to learn outside more, which has been great. They have really been engaging with their learning and getting stuck in. There have been some wonderful teaching moments this week.

The guinea pigs are so happy to be back in their school home. Please remember if you would like to take them home for the weekend, let one of the adults in Class One know.

In Key Stage One, we have begun our new theme for this half term. We are learning a story called '*The Paperbag Princess'* by Robert Munch, and we will be looking at other stories by him later on this half term. In maths, we are really getting to grips with our number facts to 20 and 100. This will really help us with our calculations.

Please look at the homework for this half term. Most of it will be done via games on our Bug Club scheme. If you have a problem accessing the internet, please let Mrs Symonds know.

This week Class Two have been appreciating the view from the International Space station, as they continued their mission to learn more about planet Earth. The children started off the week learning about the Artic and Antarctic circles, and how life there is very different from ours. They then moved on to think about places where the weather is the polar opposite, and focused on the tropics. The children researched the weather in different tropical locations, and used the information to create a weather report. The weather changed considerably within different tropical locations, and they thought about how life there was different from ours. They have rounded off their geographical sections of our theme, by focusing closer to home, and learning about the countries and capital cities of Europe and the countries of the UK.

In Literacy, the children have been beavering away creating a published version of their Space non-fiction pages, ready to be put together in a book. They have covered a wide range of subjects, from Neptune to the Life Cycle of a Star! The children have really enjoyed this topic, and their book will be available to read in the DEN.

On Thursday, Mrs Tatiana Wilson, our Diocesan Education Adviser came to talk to the children about 'prayer'. She invited the children to ask questions about prayer and she was impressed with the depth of questions that they asked her. They were able to recall stories from the Bible about miracles and could also tell her about The Fruits of the Spirit. She linked this to a way they can develop their own prayers by asking God to be in their lives to help us to have more kindness, gentleness, peace etc.

Just a quick reminder that, as mentioned in the previous newsletter, our theme for World Book Day this year is non-fiction, so we will not be dressing up, however the children will be able to wear fancy dress the following day, to celebrate the federation wide launch of Times Tables Rock Stars. Children will need to dress as either a real rock star or in rock attire for the event. We look forward to seeing your most rockin' costumes!

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**: This week's question of the week, has been chosen by the children, after an interesting discussion in science. *Is Water a material? Why?* 

**Class 2:** Can you ever reach the edge of space?

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

**Class One:** Harrison for being a good learner and learning his mistakes

**Class Two**: Samuel for an amazing start on his non-fiction book.

#### **Key Dates**

26th February – Class Two Futsal at HCC

1<sup>st</sup> March – World Book Day

2<sup>nd</sup> March – Time Tables Rock Stars Day

20th March – Parents' Evening

29<sup>th</sup> 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**

If you have any spare egg boxes please can these be brought into Class Two ASAP, as the chickens are laying more eggs than we can keep up with! Thank you!

# **Collective Worship Activity**

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



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