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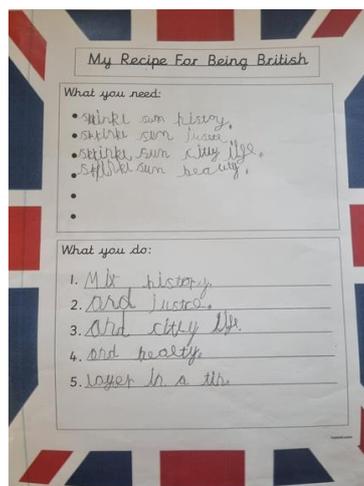
Dear Parents,

Class 1 were very excited to find an Alien Crash Landing in the classroom. Oh my goodness! What a mess Class 1 was during the first week back. An alien had managed to crash land his spaceship in our classroom. The children set about investigating the materials that the alien had left to ensure that the room was safe! They were able to classify some of the materials into groups such as metal, plastic, rock, brick, fabric and then used adjectives to describe their different properties. They are now using this knowledge to create their own planets in art - I can't wait to show you what they come up with!



In Ready Steady Write our focus was a poem by Benjamin Zephaniah and was called 'The British'. It is a poem about the diversity of being British and allowed the children to think about cultural diversity within the United Kingdom.

In Class 1, the children collaged something that they considered typically 'British'. In the afternoon, they wrote a recipe for 'Being British'. The children came up with some fascinating thoughts and opinions on the topic of culture in Britain.



We are very excited in Class 1 that we will be having Amy a sports coach from LED to come in and lead our PE sessions on a Friday afternoon after half term. Although it is not an expectation for children in Class 1 to have a PE kit, it would be a great opportunity for them to practice the skills of dressing and undressing themselves. Please could you send them with a sports kit on a Friday. School PE Tee-shirts can be bought from the school office for £3.80.

If you would prefer, they could have a bag of PE kit that they leave on their pegs for the half term.

Class 2 have had an exhilarating month working on their Hola Mexico Project. In Art they've been studying Mexican Day of the Dead Masks and have worked to develop their designs; from this the children had great fun learning to use very messy Modroc to construct 3D plaster masks. We look forward to sharing these with you when they are finished.

In DT the whole class enjoyed tasting and rating a variety of Mexican dishes – guacamole proved very popular, but strangely avocados were viewed very badly - it seems they taste much better when ripe!

In Geography the children used our new knowledge grids to help inform and guide geographical reports on Mexico, the children have enjoyed learning more about Mexico.

Alongside all the exciting things we've been doing at school, Year 5/6 girls also took part in a Futsal tournament at HCC – in these very competitive football matches Emmy and Evie both scored great goals and Isobel proved to be a great goalie. All the girls worked as a team and improved their skills the more games they played. Well done girls we were very proud of you!

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 month**

**Class 1** - Who do you dream about being?

**Class 2** - What do you think are the three most important ways in which life in Britain could be improved?

### **BROADHEMBURY BRIDGES**

Myah – awarded by Mr Salmon for being a good learner.

Aidan - for his great focus in his learning.

Albie - for his effort this week in all our learning areas.

George W - for his outstanding contribution to learning about Mexico and his comparisons with the U.K.

Evie - for an outstanding act of thoughtful kindness.

Max - for sustained excellence in Mathematics.

### **Key Dates – Spring Term 2023**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February- Safer Internet week.

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February- Class 2 Mayans Trip.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb - Last day of half term.

13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> February - Half term.

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb - Back to school.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb – Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Day.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February- Class 1 Space Dome trip.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March- World Book Day- come to school in costume – see ideas below.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March- Year 3 and 4 Tag Rugby Event.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March- World Poetry Day.

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March- Last day of term.

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April- Back to school.

## World Book Day

World Book Day (Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March)- The theme this year will be 'A Celebration of the English Language' where we will be asking children to come in dressed up as an adjective (description word). We have been focussing a lot on Oracy this year and want to celebrate the rich language that we have. Some ideas the children could dressed up as are: colourful, magical, fatigued, blustery, vibrant, puzzled, energetic etc. We will be having a vocabulary parade at the end of the day so children need to have their word on a label with their costume. There are lots of ideas on the internet if you search 'vocabulary parade' 'vocabulary dress up'.



## Reminders:



### Talking about Learning

When your child has had chance to process the day and is calm, maybe at dinner time. Please can you talk to your child about their learning? This could be done by asking what they have learnt. What lessons have you done today? What is the most interesting thing you've learnt? etc. In school we are working on the children being able to talk about their learning, retrieve information they have learnt and explain their thinking. The more practice they have at this the more it will help them. Thank you for your help with this, and they may share with you some of the great things they are doing each day.



## Recycling

Please could you send in any recycling for the children to use in our making area? Things like plastic bottles, cardboard boxes, kitchen roll holders etc. would be great! Thank you.

## School Uniform

Please can you ensure that your child has all their uniform named. It really helps at the end of the day to ensure that the correct jumper is returned to the correct child. Also, as the weather gets colder, please can you ensure that your child has a warm coat and that any hats, gloves etc. are named. Thank you for your help.

## School Bus

We have had a request from the bus company who brings the children to school from Dunkeswell, please can parents not park in the bus stop to enable the bus to be able to park and the children to get off the bus safely. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Toys

Please can we request that the children do not bring in toys or stickers from home. These often get lost or damaged and cause distractions for the children during the day. Thank you.

## Free School Meals

If your circumstances have recently changed your child may have become eligible for free school meals. This will also bring extra funding to the school, which will be used to help your child. For an instant decision or to learn more please go online at

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals>.

## Sharing Assembly

Sharing assembly will continue each Friday afternoon at 3pm. All parents/carers are invited to come and see the children sharing their learning.

### **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 month 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.*

Bedtimes can be a tricky time for lots of families, The Book Trust have put together some ideas to help you with this- which will of course help the mental wellbeing of all the family. Their 'Bath, Book, Bed' campaign is all about helping you get your little ones to sleep - and we know how important that is for your whole family.

That's why they hosted a Twitter party where parents shared stories, tips, and advice - basically, all the hacks that work for them! They've picked out some of their favourites below to help you...

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/news-and-features/features/2018/april/11-excellent-bath-book-bed-tips-that-work---from-parents/>

## 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.

### **TALK TOGETHER about Perseverance**

Teachers often say that **perseverance** is something that many children find difficult.

Very little that is really worthwhile in life can be achieved without **perseverance**. An athlete may train for years before they are ready to compete at the highest level. A musician must practice every day, sometimes for hours at a time, if they are to really master their instrument.

- How would each family member rate themselves on a scale of 1 - 10 at **perseverance**?
- Can you give an example of something you have achieved by determined **perseverance**?
- Is there a skill that you think you could improve with **perseverance**?