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Dear Parents

This week in Class 1 the children have looked at the Continent of North and South America as part of our Geography learning about all the continents in the world. They have finished their work on 2D shape this week as well. Please look for 2-D shapes in the environment when you are out and about with your children.

On 28th November in the afternoon, Class 1 will be spending some time in the churchyard helping with a bit of a clean-up. This is as part of the children's RE lesson where they will be thinking about Umuganda which originated in Rwanda and means giving service. If any parents from Class 1 or Class 2 would like to help us with this, we would be delighted to see you. Wellies and warm clothes a must! More details will follow if you would like to help out.

Class two have had a busy week this week. In Literacy, the children have continued to explore the book 'How Santa Really Works' by looking at the features the author has used. Years 3 and 4 have been looking at paragraphs and why we use them. They noticed that one of the pages from the book had fallen to pieces and they used their knowledge of paragraphs to put the sentences in the right order. Years 5 and 6 have been hunting for cohesive devices within and across paragraphs. They then went on to add extra information to the text using parenthesis. They thought about whether their information needed commas, dashes or brackets. The whole class have had a great time using the new bug club grammar resources!

In maths we have been looking at multiplication. The children have been learning times tables songs to try and help the numbers stick in their heads. Years 3 and 4 have been trying to conquer their tables while years 5 and 6 have been finding common multiples, factor pairs and prime numbers.

In the afternoons they have been thinking about Remembrance Day and why we wear a poppy. The children have been researching war poets, writing their own poems and creating silhouette art work. The children in Wednesday's craft club also made some very beautiful poppies in preparation for Friday.

Thank you to the schools PTA for providing the lovely array of flowers and pots for our new gardening club. I think you will agree that they brighten up the playground. The children also planted some Garlic and Onions in the vegetable train. Next week they will be adding winter beans and peas.

Next week on Thursday we have a school open morning, Please do spread the word to prospective parents. On Friday we are holding a "spotacular" day for Children in need. We invite your child to wear spots to school, please bring a donation for this wonderful charity.

Thank you for all your continued support.

God bless and have a lovely weekend.

Question of the week

Class 1 - If you read a book or magazine in a shop without paying for it, is that stealing?

Class 2 - Anglo-Saxon settlements were often just a small cluster of buildings built around a larger hall, which was the centre of the community. Think about the different communities you belong to. What is the 'centre' of each community and what happens there?

BROADHEMBURY BRIDGES to week ending Friday 4th November

Class One: Lewen, for coming back from Half term ready to learn.

Class Two: Harry, for writing a fantastic explanation text.

Key Dates

Mrs Gray will be in Broadhembury on Wednesday and Thursday next week.

12th November – PTFA Quiz and supper night

17th November – Open Morning 10am

18th November – Children In Need – Spotty Day

22nd November – Honiton Learning Community Sports Hall "Athletics" Class Two

23rd November – Science workshop – HCC – Class two.

7th December – Federation Christmas Outing – More information to follow

8th December – Christmas Lunch

8th December – Sports Star Visit – New date

10th December – Broadhembury Christmas Craft Fair

12th December – Christmas play – 2pm

14th December – Honiton Learning Community "Dance" Class Two

21st December – Carol Singing in the Square – Last day of term

9th January – First day back at school

Extra-Curricular Activities – Gardening Club

If you have any tools, compost and or winter vegetable seeds or plants that the children can use, please let Jenny know. Thank you. – If your child is in the Gardening Club, please ensure he or she has a pair of wellington boots and some old clothes to change into.

If anyone has any talents or hobbies that they think the children would enjoy as an activity on a Wednesday afternoon next half term and can offer an hour or so a week, please let us know.

Multi Skills / Soccer Club

Soccer skills now takes place on Monday lunch times. Please make sure your child has a suitable change of clothes and footwear for this.

Blanket appeal

We are looking for blankets to keep the guinea pigs warm this winter. If you have a spare blanket that we can wrap round the cage it would be very much appreciated.

Message from the PTA

We are preparing a Christmas hamper for our Christmas raffle. Any donations for the hamper will be greatly received. Please ensure the products have a use by date of after the 21st December. Thank you.

The raffle board itself is now in the school. For your chance to win one of a selection of prizes please buy a square or two (*or more*).

It is our quiz and supper night tomorrow at the village hall. We hope to see many of you there for a fun evening. Come and see if you can beat the teacher team! (*Also any dessert / cake donations welcome*)

The PTA will have a table at the annual Broadhembury Craft fair on the 10th December. Please consider making some small crafts for us to sell to raise funds for the school.

A group of parents and children from the school are proposing to go carol singing around Broadhembury nearer Christmas, if you would like to be part of this please let Jenny know.

If you are interested in joining the PTA to help raise funds for our school please let Donna or Jenny know. **Our next PTA meeting is on the 17th November at 7.30 in the Drewe Arms.**

Boat Appeal – Farway Primary School

We are looking to update our Farway Fledglings outdoor role play area and we would like a boat for the little ones to play and explore in. If you (or anyone you know) have a broken boat hull lying around, please let us know. Many thanks.

Collective Worship Activity – Responsibility



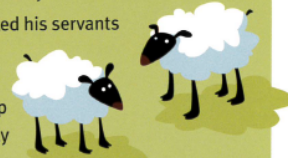
READ TOGETHER...

The Parable of the Talents

A 'talent' in the time that this story was written was a large sum of money.

Jesus told a story about a master who had three servants. He was going away for a long time. So he called his three servants to him and gave each a share of his money. To the first he gave five talents, to the second he gave two and to the third, one talent. The master wanted his servants to make the best use they could of his money while he was away.

When the master finally returned home he asked his servants how they had used the talents they had been given. The first servant had doubled his money to ten talents by buying a flock of sheep and selling all the lambs. The master was really pleased. With a big smile on his face he said, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have proved yourself trustworthy with little, now I will give you even more **responsibility**."



The second had used his gifts as a potter, bought some clay, made some pots and sold them. Now he had four talents. Again his master was delighted. "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have proved yourself trustworthy with little, now I will give you even more **responsibility**."

But the servant who had been given just one talent had hidden it. Quietly, he told his master that he was afraid and had buried his talent in the ground in case he lost it. The face of his master became angry. "You lazy servant. You could at least have put the money in the bank and gained a little interest for when I returned." And he ordered the one talent to be taken from him and given to one of the other servants.

Jesus wanted us to understand that however much money, or whatever talents or abilities we have been given, we each have a **responsibility** to make the most of these things, otherwise we risk losing them altogether.