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Dear Parents,

I would like to thank everyone for their kind donations of plants, bulbs and compost this week which meant that our memorial day on Monday was so special. The whole school came together to spend the morning gardening. A memorial planter for Mrs Facey had been delivered on Friday, and the children worked hard to fill it with compost, and plant some of the many plants donated in her memory. While the planter was being filled, the children took the opportunity to tidy other flower beds around the school, and brighten them up with some new plants. A small group of children also filled some pots with lavender, for the spirituality garden.



In the afternoon we welcomed Mrs Facey's family and the new vicar, Rev. John Hayhoe, to the school. Mrs Facey's family planted the last few plants and the vicar blessed the planter. Thank you for all your help in creating this lasting memorial to Mrs Facey.



This week in Class 1, we have begun our very exciting topic of Dinosaurs. The children have been learning an extract from the book we have chosen, called "Dino Dinners" by Mick Manning and Brita Granstrom. The children are learning how to write using different voices – the author's voice, and the voice of one of the characters in the book.

In maths this week, Year 1 have been learning counting, and have been ordering numbers forwards and backwards, to and from 50. It would be great if you could practise this with your children, at any opportunity, and in any real-life situations. Year 2 meanwhile, have been learning the symbol that we use to represent greater than and less than. They have been practising using it to compare the value of numbers.

We have also begun looking at timelines. Our class timeline has helped us to show the passing of time, and this is helpful when we are looking back such a long way. Any discussion that you can have at home about this will help the children's understanding immensely.

In Class 2, this week has seen the start of our very eagerly anticipated Space topic. The children began by recording everything they knew about space, before learning about the Flat Earth Theory. They read lots of different scientific ideas from a range of sources, and decided which ideas supported which theory. The children then decided on their own opinion as to whether the earth is flat or round, using evidence to support their thinking. We have started to talk to the children about depth of learning in the context of diving in the sea. There are some lovely displays in the school illustrating this. This science activity was a great chance for them to deepen their learning, and begin their journey from paddling to snorkelling.

In Literacy, they have also been following the space theme, and are going to be writing their own non-fiction books about space. The text we are using to help structure our ideas is called 'Penguins'.

In maths, the children have been working hard and investigating shape. They have all been able to name the features of a wide range of shapes, and have thought about which shapes we might see in a rocket. The children created 3D shapes from nets, which looked like aliens from another planet, and wrote down a way we could spot the alien from its properties.

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: *Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day.*

Spend a little time this week at the end of each day remembering the good in your day.

Note down one good thing each day, in your diary.

Class 2: Why do you think you would make a good astronaut?

BROADHEMBURY BRIDGES to week ending Friday 12th January

Class One: Lexi-Lee for being a star and always shining brightly, even though she had a difficult week.

Class Two: Laythan, for not giving up on drawing pebbles.

Key Dates

22nd January – Class Two Gymnastics
26th January – Class Two Science Lesson at HCC
29th January – Class Two Hockey
9th February – Last Day of this Half Term
19th February – Children Back to School

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.

**Term Dates January 2017 – July 2018****Spring Term 2018**

Half Term: Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February
Last Day of Term: Thursday 29th March

Summer Term 2018

Term Begins Monday 16th April
Bank Holiday: Monday 7th May
Non Pupil Day: Friday 25th May
Half Term: Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June
Children return to school: Monday 4th June
Last Day of Term: Tuesday 24th July

Autumn Term 2018

Non Pupil Days: Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th September

Term Begins: Wednesday 5th September

Half Term: Monday 22nd October- Friday 26th October

Non-Pupil Day: Monday 29th October

Children return to school: Tuesday 30th October

Last Day of Term: Friday 21st December

Spring Term 2019

Non-Pupil Day: Monday 7th January

Term Begins: Tuesday 8th January

Half Term: Monday 18th February- Friday 22nd February

Last Day of Term: Friday 5th April

Summer Term 2019

Term Begins Tuesday 23rd April

Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May

Non Pupil Day: Friday 24th May

Half Term: Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

Children return to school: Monday 3rd June

Last Day of Term: Tuesday 23rd July