

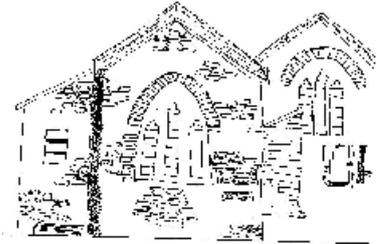
Branscombe C of E Primary School  
Children's Aims  
We will try to:



The Branscombe Waves



**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**  
**WITH LITTLE EXPLORERS' PRE-SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER 17/18 10**  
**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017**



### Branscombe Waves

**Mason:** for showing patience and courage even when injured.

**Tilly:** for showing a responsible attitude in learning and play.

**Isla:** for working hard and helping others in the woods.

**Corey:** for working hard and keeping going to improve.

Dear Parents,

The children in Class 1 have had a very busy time this week. In Maths they have been exploring a range of different 3D shapes. They have been learning the names of a variety of 3D shapes as well as the vocabulary used to describe the different properties of these shapes.

In Literacy, the children have been unpicking the nursery rhyme 'There was a Crooked Man', before writing their own version of this nursery rhyme in the same style. Meanwhile, in R.E., the children have been finding out all about the meaning behind the Christingle and the Advent.

This week, Branscombe School has been full of the sounds of singing as the children have been busy learning, and practising, a range of Christmas carols and songs in preparation for next week's Christingle Service, singing at the Branscombe Christmas Fair on Saturday, and also learning songs for the forthcoming Christmas play!

This week, Class 2 have begun a new Design and Technology project, in which they will be looking at different kite designs, and then designing, making and testing their own kites. The project began with a look at the story of Honan Walsh, a sixteen-year-old kite-flyer, who flew his kite across the Niagara Falls in 1847, and thus enabled the building of the Niagara Falls Bridge. Next, the children will look at a range of kite designs. If anyone has any kites that they are able to lend the class, to test and support their investigations, this would be really helpful.

In their French lessons this term, the children are learning different ways to answer the question, "Ou habite-tu?" ("Where do you live?") Over the last couple of lessons, this has involved learning about the names of different types of home, in French - although many of the children needed to consolidate their understanding of the meaning of terms, such as "detached", "semi-detached" and "terraced" in English as well! Next, the children will learn to link this vocabulary with their previous learning of vocabulary, for different types of settlement or location (e.g. town, village, seaside, countryside etc.).

Thank you for all your continued support.

God bless and have a lovely weekend.

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

### **Question of the Week**

**Class 1:** If we didn't have an Advent calendar would there still be Christmas?

**Class 2:** What Christmas traditions do you and your family observe each year? Do you know where these traditions come from?

### **Key Dates**

#### **Autumn Term 2017**

4<sup>th</sup> December – Christingle service -6pm

5<sup>th</sup> December- Open Morning for prospective parents -9.45am- 11.45am

12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch

18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Play- 6pm

19<sup>th</sup> December- Carol singing and end of Term

#### **Children's Main Christmas Lunch- Branoc Hall**

On Tuesday 12th December it is the Children's Christmas Lunch, which takes place at the Branoc Hall. On this day all the children and staff will be eating a full Christmas lunch down at the village hall, so there is no need to order a school meal or send in a packed lunch. Please let us know if your child is a vegetarian, or if they have any other dietary requirements by sending a note into the School Office. The children are welcome to wear non-uniform on this day.

#### **Sidmouth Kitchen Christmas Lunch**

The Christmas lunch provided by Sidmouth Kitchen is taking place on Monday 18th December - this will be the only meal choice available on this day.

#### **Class 1 Outdoor Learning Time**

On Mondays Class 1 will be doing outdoor learning time every Monday afternoon. Therefore ALL children in Class 1 MUST have the following in school on Mondays:

- A waterproof coat.
- Wellies.
- A change of clothes (non-uniform, suitable for working outside, and possibly getting dirty).
- Waterproof trousers or overalls if possible.

#### **The School Library**

In order to give the children the opportunity to visit the school library with their parents, Rachel will be available to open the school library after school, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, until 3.45pm. Please feel free to visit the library with your child at these times if you would like to help them choose a book to borrow.

#### **Branoc Hall Christmas Fair**

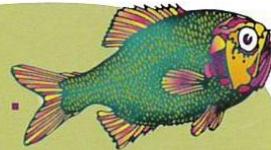
The annual Branoc Hall Christmas Fair, will take place on Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 2pm-4pm. The children will be opening the fair by singing some Christmas songs, so it would be great if as many children as possible could be there. The children will need to be at the hall from about 1.45pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Collective Worship Activity

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



## READ TOGETHER...



### The Story of Jonah

Some folk always seem to be arguing or moaning and groaning. Sometimes they moan about the weather, sometimes they moan about their family, and sometimes they just moan. In fact, they are so busy moaning about EVERYTHING that they forget to be thankful for ANYTHING.

Jonah was just like that! He moaned all the time. So when God asked him to go to Ninevah and tell the people there that he was angry about their stealing, lying, fighting and their wicked ways, of course Jonah moaned and groaned. "Not Ninevah, please! Anywhere but Ninevah! We have never got on with that nasty bunch. Please Lord, send someone else." And just in case God asked him again Jonah, quick as his legs could carry him, ran to the dock and asked the captain of the nearest boat to take him to the furthest place from Ninevah. The nearest boat was the Jolly Dragon and her captain was called Wise Captain Silas. The Jolly Dragon set sail on a calm sea under a clear blue sky but within a day found herself caught up in a fierce and frightening storm. Captain Silas knew immediately that something was not right. He went to find his passenger, who, surprise, surprise, was below deck moaning to one of the sailors. "It's my fault," groaned Jonah. "Throw me into the sea and the storm will blow over." Wise Captain Silas knew Jonah was right and so to save his ship and all the crew, gave orders to toss Jonah overboard that minute. A huge fish saw Jonah sinking slowly to the bottom of the sea, and he opened his great mouth wide, and swallowed him whole!

Jonah had only just enough time to recover from the shock when he found himself shooting through the air and onto a beach very near to Ninevah.

The great fish had spat him out and swum away.

Even Jonah knew now that there was no way out. He picked himself up, shook off the seaweed and walked slowly into the centre of the city. There he did what God had told him at the start and explained to the people of Ninevah that God was sad about their **unjust** behaviour and how he wanted them to change their ways. To Jonah's amazement, that's exactly what they did.

They fasted, they prayed for God's forgiveness and even thanked him for sending Jonah.

*Bible story based on Book of Jonah*

### Seaton Christmas Lights Switch On

This year's Seaton Christmas Carnival & late-night Shopping, will take place on Friday 1st December, from 4.00pm till late. There is a full programme of events including a visit from Father Christmas, and a range of entertainment.

### Open Morning for Prospective Parents

Across the federation we are holding open mornings during December, to give prospective parents the chance to visit our schools. If you know of any families looking for a place at school, for next year, please encourage them to visit and pass the dates on to them. Thank you.



## Open Mornings



### Farway C of E Primary School

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December  
10.00-12.00

**01404 871239**

[admin@farway.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@farway.devon.sch.uk)



### Branscombe C of E Primary School

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December  
9.45-11.45

**01297 680339**

[admin@branscombe.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@branscombe.devon.sch.uk)



### Broadhembury C of E Primary School

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December  
10.00-12.00

**01404 841304**

[admin@broadhembury.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@broadhembury.devon.sch.uk)



**Please come and visit our schools to  
have a look round, coffee and chat.**

**Feel free just to pop in on the above dates. For  
more information, or to come in at another time,  
please contact the school.**