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Dear Parents,

Fresh from their informative fire and rescue safety sessions, the children at Farway have been sharing their fire safety knowledge, and reminding each other what to do, to keep themselves and others safe, in the event of a fire. Our fire and rescue visitor also reminded us how important it is to check the battery in our smoke alarms. Can you remember how often you need to check to make sure your smoke alarm is working? Why is stop, drop and roll so important to remember too?

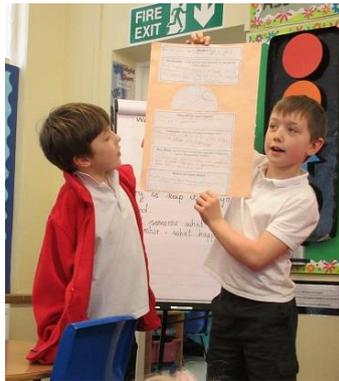


Now, a paper bag might not be the first item of clothing you would expect to see a princess wearing, but in KS1's new literacy unit, it is precisely all this sorrowful princess has left to wear, after a fire-breathing dragon destroys everything in sight! In preparation for writing their own 'defeating a monster' story, the children have immersed themselves in the rich story language, through role play and creating an illustrated story map, of The Paper Bag Princess text. To embed the story vocabulary further, the children have also devised a set of actions to match key phrases from the story. Explain to someone at home how these actions help you to remember the story language, for your own writing.



Discussing the punchy headlines of 'Man on the Moon!' or 'Moon Landing!' has been keeping KS2 pupils busy in their newspaper report writing unit this week. Like bees collecting their honey, the children have successfully collaborated, to create their own newspaper reports, based on the historical moon landing events. Selecting which report features give the greatest impact to the reader, the pupils have made considered choices to present their news. Using a pupil generated success criteria for the key features of a newspaper report, the children took turns to assess each report, and be critical friends with their constructive feedback. Which newspaper feature pulls the reader in the most, and why?

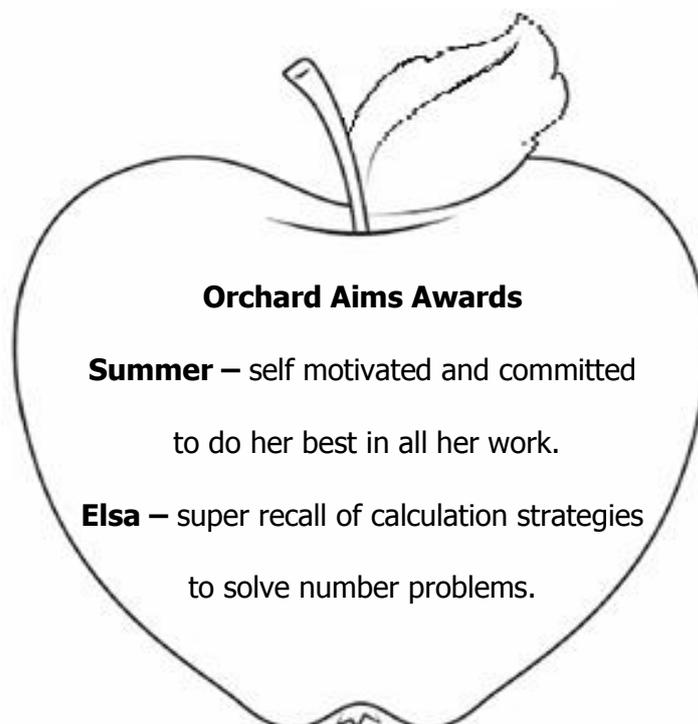
Being able to teach what you have learnt to others shows a deeper and secure understanding of your own learning, and the children in KS2 proved they were deserving of the green traffic light yet again, in their pupil self-assessment, when they presented their newspaper report work to KS1. It was tremendous to see and hear the effort made to share their learning with their younger peers, and it is fast becoming a favourite part of the learning for KS1 and KS2!



Thank you for all your continued support.
God bless and have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Farway CE School

Question of the week: How did Jesus show compassion to others, and how can this help us to be more like him in our own lives?



Key Dates

Spring Term 2018

21st March – World Poetry Day.

22nd March – Parents' Evening.

Thursday 29th March- Last Day of Spring Term & 'Wear a Hat' Day.

Bad Weather Preparations

You may have seen that snow is being forecast in places this weekend. If this does affect our area please keep your eye on the school website and I will put a message across the homepage like I did a few weeks ago relating to any necessary school closures. Thank you for your understanding.

Katie Gray

Forest School Update

This week the children were reminded about how important it was to communicate in a team and to ask for help and give help where needed. Despite the wet weather, everyone worked hard to get the shelters up, and then Charlie served the hot chocolate.

In this shelter, everyone is being careful to keep their muddy boots off the tarpaulin.



Hot chocolate and hot cross buns in the den!



Children's quotes this week...

"That was probably the best Forest School session ever!"

"Our team worked really well together"

"Can we do that again next week?"

Parents' Evening

We will be holding our parents' evening next **Thursday**, on **22nd March**. A letter has been sent home about this previously. We would really like as many of you as possible, to come along and speak to Mrs Hooper, about your child's progress. If you have not yet been in touch, please let us know **as soon as possible**, when you are able to attend? Thank you.

Headlice

We still have an ongoing problem with Headlice in school. **Please** can **all** parents check their child's hair for Headlice, and treat them accordingly? We would appreciate your help with this. Please check your child's hair every night. It only takes one child not to be treated, for the whole school to become re-infected. By working together we hope to prevent further outbreaks.

Reminder

A reminder to please look in your child's book bag, at the end of each school day. Important letters, notices, and your child's homework are sent home in the bags every week. Thank you.

Honiton Learning Community Sports Events

Throughout this year, we have the opportunity to take part in a selection of sports events at Honiton Community College. We would like our children to take part in as many of these events as possible, as they are a wonderful opportunity for the children to be involved in Physical Education, alongside friends from the Federation and other children in the Learning Community. They are also lots of fun! As the events are often only for a select age range, we would appreciate parent's help in transporting children to and from these activities.

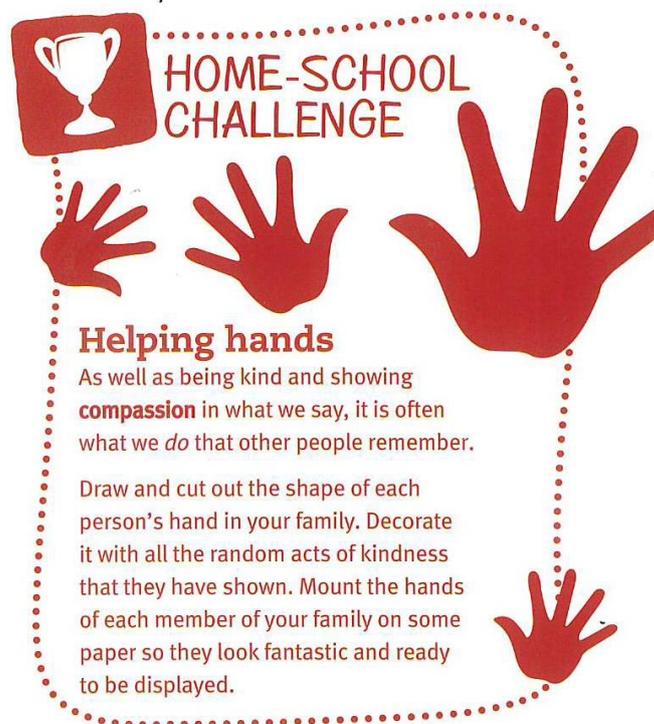
The next event will be on Monday 23rd April, from 12- 2.30pm, and will be for Key Stage 2. If you are able to help transport children, to and from this event, please speak to Tamsin in the school office. These events cannot take place without parent volunteers, so we would really appreciate your help. Thank you!

Fundraising for Playground Soft Surface

We are going to start fundraising to raise funds, so that we can upgrade our preschool playground area, to a soft bouncy, rubber surface. This will make a huge difference to the outside area, which is in constant use by the children. If you have any ideas on how we can raise funds, please let us know. 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.



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Helping hands
As well as being kind and showing **compassion** in what we say, it is often what we *do* that other people remember.

Draw and cut out the shape of each person's hand in your family. Decorate it with all the random acts of kindness that they have shown. Mount the hands of each member of your family on some paper so they look fantastic and ready to be displayed.

Family Day at the NLO

Explore and discover our fascinating Universe!

Featuring:

The Fire Show
 Planetarium Shows & Story Telling
 Hands-on Science Experiments
 Telescope Tours & Talks
 Solar & Radar Meteor Observing

Saturday 17th March 11am - 5pm

Norman Lockyer Observatory,
 Salcombe Hill
 Sidmouth EX10 0NY



Refreshments Available

Adults £8
 Children Free

MARINE YOUNG COMPANY | MONDAY 23 APRIL – MONDAY 9 JULY JOIN THE MARINE YOUNG COMPANY AND EXPLORE YOUR CREATIVITY

Marine Theatre, in partnership with Exeter Northcott Theatre, is offering a regular opportunity for 40 talented young people to make thought provoking theatre together in a professional setting. Previous experience of acting is not required, but desire and commitment are compulsory. The sessions will be delivered by experienced drama tutor and Northcott team member Lizzie Hedden.

WHERE? - Marine Theatre, Church St, Lyme Regis DT7 3QA.

WHEN? - Mondays from 23 April 2018 for 10 weeks (with breaks as per local schools term times).

Years 5 – 7: 5 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. - Years 8 – 11: 7 P.M. – 9 P.M.

COST? - £100 advance for 10 sessions; places can be secured with a £25 deposit, followed by two equal instalments.

The term culminates with a sharing of work for friends and family. Marine Young Company members will have opportunities to work with Marine staff as well as perform on the stage. To find out more, and to register for a place, please contact Sophia Moseley at admin@marinetheatre.com or 01297 442394

Please order meals for _____

The menu is on the school website www.farway.devon.sch.uk - Please look at **week 2**.

	Menu Choices for Week Beginning 19 th March 2018	Cost £2.50 per meal
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
	Amount Enclosed	£
	Please make cheques payable to Devon County Council	

In accordance with our policy, if you pay for your child's meals then payments for school meals should be made on the Monday before the meals are taken.