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Dear Parents,

"This might just be the best lesson ever!" and "This is so messy and fun!" were just a few of the comments expressed by the children this week during a whole school art session. Collaborating in small groups, the pupils helped each other to construct the first stages of their Paper-Mache planets, and dinosaur eggs. It certainly was very messy, extremely sticky, noisy, lots of fun and hands on! Keep an eye out for the progress of the models as the children start to paint them.

KS1 have worked tremendously hard this week to finally complete their end task in literacy, by adding water colour painted backgrounds, observational drawings of their dinosaurs, written key fact files using bullet points, and written in the voice of their own dinosaur. They have also demonstrated detailed adjective and adverb descriptions, with some even attempting to use rhyme. Well done KS1 for being so talented yet again!

KS1 have also been exploring and 'playing' in their numeracy sessions, through some very hands on and practical learning, to discover what capacity is and all the mathematical vocabulary we can use within this area of maths, e.g. full / half full / empty etc. Using a splash of food colouring here and there, the children emptied and filled a range of different sized containers, cups and measuring jugs. They worked together to prove or disprove a variety of capacity challenges; will an Elephant fit in a bath tub? Which bucket should be used when filling a paddling pool? Why can't we get 1 more pen, in this pot?

Fresh from their captivating Space Dome Planetarium trip last week, Key Stage 2 have equally wowed us all by also completing their literacy end task. Titles, opening paragraphs, sub headings, paragraphs, facts not opinions, technical vocabulary, and so much more, all featuring in their detailed planet reports. Impressive application of planet knowledge Key Stage 2, keep this up!

As Key Stage 2 recalled what they had discovered and learnt from their Space Dome Planetarium trip, they were quick to realise just how many new facts and new learning about their space theme had taken place. Share some new or nearly new learning with your family. Which new learning fact did you find the most interesting and why?

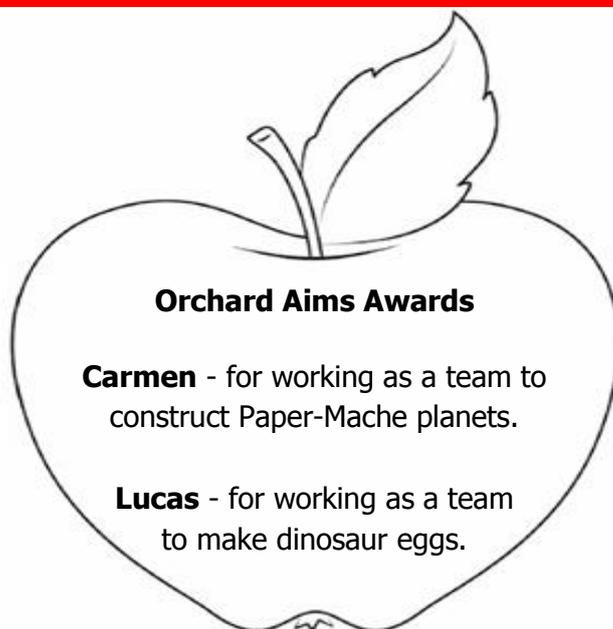
We hope you all have a relaxing half term break, and we look forward to seeing the children back at school, on Monday 19th February.

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:

What are you thankful for, today, tomorrow and yesterday?



Key Dates

Spring Term 2018

12th-16th February- Half term.

19th February- First day back at school after half term.

1st March – World Book Day.

21st March – World Poetry Day.

22nd March – Parents' Evening.

Last Day of Spring Term: Thursday 29th March.

Key Stage 2 Space Dome Trip

Our Key Stage 2 Children really enjoyed their trip to the Branoc Hall in Branscombe last week. They went into the Space Dome Planetarium, to see all the stars in the Northern Hemisphere. They also completed a space exploration timeline, and used their sewing skills to stitch constellations onto felt.



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.

Home Learning

A polite reminder about the importance of children completing their home learning. Presently there are a number of children who consistently do their home learning and always return it on time. They have responsibly taken the time to work very hard at home, and put the effort in to complete their learning, week after week. Sadly, these same children are witnessing a number of their peers frequently failing to do so, and as a class, have discussed the unfairness of this. Completing home learning is important because:

1. It improves thinking and memory.
2. It helps to develop positive study skills and habits.
3. It teaches children to work independently and use their time wisely.
4. Homework teaches children to take responsibility for their work.
5. It allows children to practise what has been covered in class.
6. Homework helps parents learn more about what their child is learning in school.

Please do come and speak to us if your child is experiencing difficulty completing their home learning and we can discuss strategies to resolve any issues, or replace lost home learning books. 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.

Next Term's events will be a **Futsal event, on Monday 26th February for Key Stage 2**, and a **Multi Skills event, on Monday 12th March for Key Stage 1**.

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!

Zumba

On Tuesday our Reception and Key Stage 1 children, took part in a Zumba workshop, at Honiton Community College. The children has a fantastic time. Thank you to all the parents that helped with transport to and from this event.



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 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.



READ TOGETHER...

The Man Who Came Back

Jesus was travelling along the dusty roads towards Jerusalem. At each village he was welcomed by people, happy to see him and listen to his teaching. But today, as he entered the village he saw in the distance a small group standing apart from the crowd. They were calling out, "Jesus, Master, help us, please make us well." These poor people had a disease called leprosy. They were terribly ill and no-one in the village wanted to go near them.

But Jesus didn't ignore them. He stood among them and prayed for them. As each of them went on his way they began to notice that their whole bodies were healing up. They were so excited that they immediately rushed off to share their good news. Well, nine of them did. The tenth turned and fell on his knees in front of Jesus and **thanked** him for what he had done.

"I healed ten people with leprosy today", said Jesus to the man. "Where are the others?". But then he smiled "Well at least you came back to say **thank** you!".

Bible story based on Luke 17:11-19

Please order meals for _____

The menu is on the school website www.farway.devon.sch.uk - Please look at **week 1**.

	Menu Choices for Week Beginning 19th February 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.