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Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to see the children back and looking well again. Class 1 have started the term off at a fair pace with some brilliant writing. Our first book this term is 'A *Tiny Seed*' by Eric Carle whom the children know from 'The *Hungry Caterpillar*'.

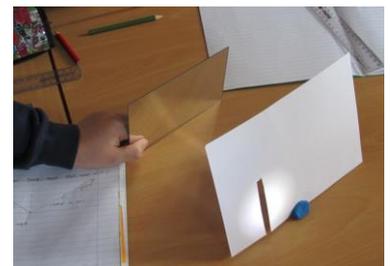
The children started by writing a journey tale of a frog, from frogspawn to adult frog. Some wrote in story-style and some in a more factual way, but the pace and stamina they showed was great- well done! In maths, we have begun looking at multiplication and division – please encourage the children to play the Times Table Rock Stars games.

Reception have been able to get outside and have been sporting their new overalls – hopefully this will keep them warm and dry on bad weather days! I will be sending home some challenges for your child to complete, so that they can progress with the 'Good Samaritan Award'. Thank you to those who have completed some of the challenges.

Don't forget our trip next week – hopefully the weather will stay like this. Please make sure that the SOE3 forms come back into school by Monday.

This week, Class Two have been learning about dark and light. Over the week, they have taken part in a range of different experiments that helped them understand some of the trickier concepts. Year 3 and 4 tested how reflective different materials are, when designing a new school book bag, as well as looking at the terms transparent, translucent and opaque, when designing curtains.

Years 5 and 6 learnt about how light travels differently through different materials, and this can cause refraction which makes an optical illusion. They also used prisms to create visible light spectrums and learnt about Isaac Newton who discovered this.



In PSHE, we have been learning about British Values and discussed the terms equality, diversity and cohesion. These words were quite tricky to unpick, so we watched some 1 Decision videos to help us write definitions. The children have also been working on their Good Samaritan Awards, everyone in Class Two has now earned their Red Certificate and a few have even reached White!

After a lot of hard work, the clay tiles we made in Arts' Week, showing Christian Symbols, are now on display. Make sure you pop into the library to see them in our worship area. Everyone is very proud of the hard work and time that went into making them.

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: What makes a great leader?

Class 2: How old is ancient?

Key Dates

23rd April – St George's Day Celebrations

26th April – KS1 Visit Bicton Gardens

7th May- May Day Bank Holiday

14th May - KS2 SATs Week

23rd May – May Day

25th May- Non Pupil Day

Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June – Half Term

Free School Meals

As part of the new universal credit system, that is being rolled out across the country, the criteria for claiming free school meals is changing. This may mean that previously ineligible children, now qualify for free school meals. In addition any child who qualifies for free school meals will then be eligible until 2022, regardless of circumstance, and without the need for reassessment. We are therefore encouraging all parents to go online at <https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals> and check their eligibility. As well as you as a family gaining free meals, school gets extra money into its budget for every child who is entitled to free school meals. So please check your eligibility and apply if able.

Key Stage 2 Trip to the Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Exeter.

Unfortunately, we have had to delay this trip until later in the term because the Museum have had to cancel our initial booking due to a lack of staff and volunteers. We will of course keep you informed, and let you know when we have arranged another date. We apologise for this postponement.

St George's Day

On Monday 23rd April it is St George's Day. We have planned a day of celebration and learning for the children. Please could you send your child into school wearing something red and white. We are planning to have a small English 'street party' celebration in the playground in the afternoon and would be delighted if you could join us at 3pm. Should the weather let us down, we will carry out the party inside.

Collective Worship Activity

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

Use your imagination to make the best **friendship** bracelet ever – using knotting, threading beads, twisting ribbon, whatever you can think of. The more original the better!

or, if you prefer...

make your own large version of the picture puzzle (over the page), joining 5 or 6 words about **friendship**. Either draw pictures or cut them out of magazines.