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Dear Parents,

This week the children came in with their lovely tales of the snow days. It looks as if everyone thoroughly enjoyed it – thank you so much for sending in your snow pictures, it has provided us with some great talking opportunities.

Early Years have been really busy this week. We found some of the jelly balls, left in the water tray during the snow, and the children thought that they looked like frogspawn. This generated great debate, and we were lucky enough to get some frogspawn, which we hope will grow over the next few weeks. Thank you so much Sophia, for bringing it in for us.

In Key Stage 1 the children have been learning about the United Kingdom. They now know the countries and capital cities. However, during our work with atlases, the children were curious to find out that the Isle of Man is not a U.K country, so they decided that they wanted to find out more about it. Did you know that the currency for the Isle of Man is the Manx pound? Ask your children what else they found out.

The children's attitude to learning has really improved this half term, and they are beginning to ask bigger questions, and take more responsibility for their own learning. Well done Class 1 – keep it up!

This week has been very busy in Class Two, as we have caught up on all the things we missed, during our snow days.

The afternoons this week have seen the children developing their artistic skills in a variety of mediums, including chalks, paints and pastels. The children have been creating their own details, sketches, and maps, of the moon, as seen by the Galileo space craft. They have worked hard, to focus on some of the finer details, such as craters, and have used a variety of techniques, to ensure a range of tones and shades could be seen, in the seas.



As the week has gone on, the children changed views, and looked at photos of Mars, as taken by the Mars Global Surveyor. As they sketched the surface of Mars, using pastels, they also listened to "Mars, the Bringer of War" by Holst, and reflected on how the music made them feel. The children have particularly enjoyed the music of Holst, and have been working their way through the entire collection of planets, whilst expanding their musical vocabulary, with terms such as rhythm, pitch and tone.

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: Can you come up with your own Big Question this week?

It can be anything that puzzles you. It will quite possibly not have an answer, but we will spend time thinking about and discussing, your Big Question.

Class 2: Why is space black?

Key Dates

12th March – Class 1 to Multiskills at Honiton Leisure Centre

20th March – Parents' Evening

26th March – Bikeability Week Year 5 & 6

29th March – Wear a Hat Day

29th March – Last Day of Term

Rock Stars Day

Due to the snow, the children unfortunately missed Rock Stars day. To ensure the children don't miss out, this will be rearranged, we will inform you of the new date shortly.

Eggs Now Available

Don't forget that eggs from the school chickens, are now available, outside the office. The suggested donation is £1 for 6 eggs, which will go towards the cost of the food. Thank you.

Wear a Hat Day

On Thursday 29th March (last day of term) we will be holding a 'Wear a Hat Day' to raise money for Brain Tumour Research. One of the ex-pupils of Branscombe has been supported by this charity, and so we have chosen to help them across the federation, by supporting their annual 'hat' day! Children can wear, for a small donation, any hat to school for the day. It would, however, be even more fun if they came in home made hats – either Easter Bonnets, or hats with another theme. We look forward to seeing the creativity.

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.

TALK ABOUT COMPASSION TOGETHER...

Compassion is about 'standing in someone else's shoes' when they are having a hard time. In other words, trying to understand how they might be feeling and doing our best to try to help.

Talk together about:

- how we can show **compassion** and kindness to one another at home
- recognising when friends at school need us to listen and act with **compassion**
- stories in the news demonstrating how strangers show **compassion** in times of natural disasters
- how nations show **compassion** to other nations at times of disaster or need by sending money or volunteers to help

A photograph of an astronaut in a white spacesuit standing on the moon's surface, with the lunar landscape and Earth in the background.

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

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Refreshments Available

Adults £9
Children Free