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Dear Parents,

Class 1 have made a brilliant start to the year! Mrs Jackson and Sarah Lucy would like to thank the parents of the Class 1 children, for their fantastic contributions towards our Autumn display. The children have loved sharing their Autumn things with their friends and they have provided a great stimulus for writing our Autumn poems. Mrs Jackson was so impressed by the standard of the children's work, that Class 1 have now created a class book of Autumn Poems. Please feel free to pop into Class 1 and have a read! An example from Daisy's Autumn Poem read: 'This is the leaf all red and brown, that falls from the tree and makes a crunchy sound.' Well done Daisy!

In Maths, Class 1 have been looking at different ways to represent teen numbers in Year 1, and numbers to 100 in Year 2. They have been practising separating two-digit numbers into tens and ones, using various maths equipment, alongside the part-whole model. The children have enjoyed challenging their brains and it has been fabulous to watch them grow with confidence as they master new skills.



Class 1, in line with the 10-a-day for balancing mental health, have been learning about positive ways to ensure they stay healthy in their minds. These include; taking a break and doing something enjoyable. After all their hard work this month, the children chose to take a break, to make some artist elephants using milk bottles. This was a fabulous activity to recharge brains, recycle plastic and ensure that the Class 1 display wall looked beautiful!



For homework this week, please can Class 1 children research facts about their favourite animal, including their habitat? If possible, Mrs Jackson would like the children to bring into school an empty shoebox that can be transformed into a habitat for their chosen animal. Thank you.

At the moment, Class 2 are working hard to use their sentence building skills to write a descriptive recount of their journey around Church Green, in the style of 'Where my wellies take me' by Michael Morpurgo. Using adverbial phrases and relative clauses, they are adding detail to their sentences about when, how and where something happens. Over the coming weeks they will find and create appropriate poems to include alongside their recount in their final product, which will be a book including their own artwork.

In Maths lessons, the Class 2 children have spent lots of time representing and manipulating the digits in 4 and 5 digit numbers. This has extended their knowledge of place value and how numbers grow. The children are comfortable rounding numbers up and down to the nearest 10 and can now round to the nearest 100 and 1000, again using place value. During the final lessons of the unit, the children applied the skills they'd learnt to manipulating population data in topic lessons. Thank you for the additional work that you have all put in at home, coming up with a range of questions we could ask about the data.

Between learning more about their local area, reading and creating maps and using compass directions to write directions, the children have become experts on the plants and trees found in their local area. They showed great depth of learning when presenting their explanations of how plants reproduce and different ways plants are pollinated. In art they have experimented with layering water colours and spent an afternoon with Tara, a friend from the church, to sketch their observations of the interior and exterior of the church. This has resulted in a book and 2 dioramas of their impressions, which will be on display this weekend at the church open day.

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 month:

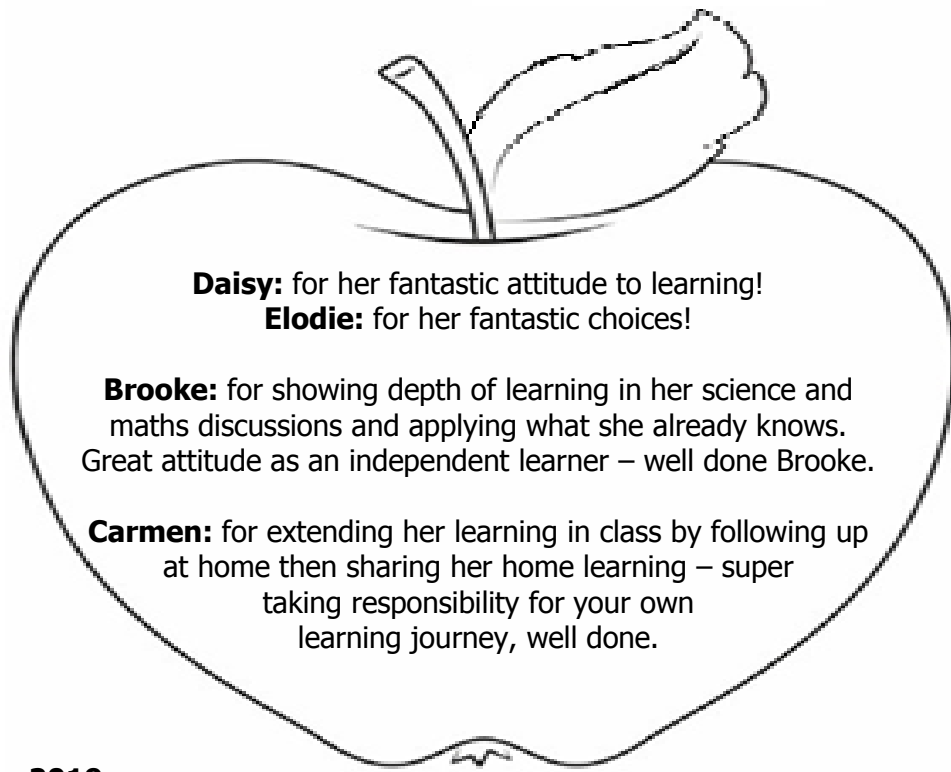
Class 1: Do all animals give birth to live young?
Class 2: What businesses are found in the local area?
Do all poems have to rhyme?

School Trips

Please can all SOE permission forms for upcoming school trips be returned to school as soon as possible? We have a number of trips that are imminent and no child will be able to attend a school trip unless we have a completed and signed SOE3 permission form. Spare forms are always available from Tamsin in the school office. We appreciate your help with this.

Newsletters and Book Bags

All of the staff at Farway would be grateful if you can please read the newsletters and check regularly in your child's book bag for letters and important notes. A lot of work goes into organising school trips and events and information about these will be sent home throughout the term. If you have any forms to be returned to school, please either hand these into Tamsin in the school office or place in the red letter box on the windowsill in the foyer. We appreciate your help with this.



Daisy: for her fantastic attitude to learning!

Elodie: for her fantastic choices!

Brooke: for showing depth of learning in her science and maths discussions and applying what she already knows. Great attitude as an independent learner – well done Brooke.

Carmen: for extending her learning in class by following up at home then sharing her home learning – super taking responsibility for your own learning journey, well done.

Key Dates

Autumn Term 2019

5th October – Open Day at Farway Church.

7th October – Year 1 & 2 to HLC Gym Event.

10th October – World Mental Health Day.

14th October – KS2 Cross Country event in Honiton (*rescheduled*).

14th October – Federation consultation meeting – 7pm at Farway School.

15th October – Class 2 trip to Farmwise Event, Westpoint.

16th October – Forest school - pm.

17th October – Cycling at Bicton for some Year 5's.

21st - 25th October – Half Term.

28th October – Non pupil day.

29th October – Federation Mental Health awareness meeting at Farway for Year 5's.

31st October – Individual school photos 10.45am.

1st November – Class 1 trip to Axe Valley Wildlife Park.

13th November – Forest school – pm.

11th November – Act of Remembrance -10.45am.

29th November – Flu vaccinations.

11th December – Forest school – pm.

18th December – Christmas Play.

20th December – Last Day of school term.

Gym Festival

Please don't forget that Year 1 and 2 have a Gym Festival on Monday 7th October. Please send your children to school in their P.E. kit if they have it and make sure that they have a named coat and a water bottle. This is a lovely event for the children and they get a lot out of it in terms of developing core strength and fundamental gym skills such as balance and co-ordination. Thank you.

School Day

Please note we cannot be responsible for children before the normal drop off time of 8.40am. We do not have the appropriate staff on site to care for your children, so please do not drop them off before then. Thank you for your help.

World Mental Health Day

Thursday 10th October is World Mental Health Day. On that day, we will be considering once again some of the ways that we can help to support our own mental health and that of others around us. The children are welcome to wear something yellow on that day to demonstrate their support for those who suffer from difficulties with their mental health and their intention to adopt a lifestyle that promotes good mental health.

Mental Health Awareness Day

On 29th October the Mental Health Ambassadors from across our federation will be travelling to Farway to take part in a Mental Health Awareness Day. All of the Year 5 children from Farway will join in the workshop and learn to become Mental Health Ambassadors so they too can contribute to improving the mental health of all of our federation children.

Church Open Day

On 5th October there is an Open Day at Farway Church from 10am – 2pm. The children have been busy creating some artwork which will join the various displays. Come along and discover more about the fascinating history of Farway Church and the ancient yew tree. There will be a talk about the fascinating history of the church, ringing of the bells, trips to the top of the bell tower (the view is spectacular) and lot more. Light refreshments available. This is a rare opportunity to see the Coly Valley from a different perspective. Please come along and support your local church.

Farmwise School Trip

On 15th October our Class 2 children will be attending Farmwise at Westpoint in Exeter. They will need to wear school uniform and shoes for walking. They need to bring a **packed lunch**, a water bottle and a coat. Please order school packed lunch by Monday 14th October. The children will leave school at 9am, so please arrive promptly on this day. **No child will be able to attend a school trip unless we have a completed and signed SOE3 permission form.** Thank you.

Coats

As the weather gets cooler please can you ensure that your child has a coat in school at all times. Can we also ask that all jumpers, wellies, coats and P.E kit are labelled with your child's name. Thank you for your help with this.

Music Interaction Therapy

Class 1 have been really enjoying their weekly music interaction sessions which have been taking place on Friday mornings. These sessions are designed to help children develop language and social interaction skills. They encourage self-confidence, self-esteem and a range of social skills. The therapy includes a mix of singing and music based activities and games. These sessions are funded by the Jean Price Music Bursary to whom we are extremely grateful.



Forest School - Forest School will continue this term with this month's session taking place on Wednesday 16th October. Please remember to send in a spare change of clothes, with your child, that you don't mind getting muddy.

Yoga - Our weekly Yoga sessions will continue this term on Tuesday mornings.

Flu Vaccinations

A reminder that if you would like your child to have a flu vaccination, please register them online by 27th October.

Wellbeing

There has been much press in recent months about children's mental health. As part of our drive to support this we are going to include something each week in the newsletter about Health and Wellbeing. We hope you find this section useful. If you have any topics you would like us to find some helpful tips about, please let us know.

In school we will continue to talk to the children about being responsible and looking after their own Mental Health by using the 10 a day, please also continue this at home. As parents it's sometimes difficult to spot the signs of when our child may need more help. Please see the link below from Action for Children to see how to look out for signs that your child might be struggling with their mental health.

<https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/support-for-parents/children-s-mental-health/>

Collective Worship Activity

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

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HOPE
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NEIGHBOUR
PROBLEMS
SARAH
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Farway News

Farway Winter Skittles matches are now under way with ten teams competing for the trophy. The bar is open every Friday night during October from 7.30pm and everyone is welcome. The fixtures lists for Farway Winter Skittles and Farway Football Club can be found on the Village Hall page of the Farway Village Website in the skittles dropdown box at www.farwaydevon.org.uk

SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER AT 3pm

Harvest Thanksgiving Service at Farway Methodist Church, to be followed by dispersal of produce by donations. Refreshments, tea/coffee.

THURSDAY 17 OCTOBER 11am - 2pm

Discover the archaeology of Farway and Southleigh. Did you know the burial mounds on Broad Down are over 4000 years old and form a collection of remains that make up a prehistoric landscape that is arguably the most important of its kind west of Stonehenge. Whilst Blackbury Camp dates back to the Iron Age some 2000 years ago. Want to discover more about your local environment then join Bill Horner the County Archaeologist for a tour of these sites, their history, associated artefacts and conservation measures needed for these sites and others within East Devon. Meet at Bovey Down Farm for tea and coffee then out to the archaeological sites before returning to Bovey Down Farm for a light lunch. £5 contribution for non members. To book a place, please contact Emma Herrod, East Devon Farmers Group Coordinator. Tel: 07828475973 Email: emmavoysey@hotmail.com

Thelma Hulbert Gallery, Dowell Street, Honiton. Apple Day: Saturday 5th October 2019

Apple-themed afternoon of fun between 2 – 5pm:

Press apples and make your own apple juice. Try green woodworking with *The Bodgers*. Climb inside Gail McGarva's magical Storyboat. Create your own apple puppet and toast mini toffee apples on a campfire. Explore our Jurassic Coast exhibition of drawings, film and sculpture. Garden treasure hunt with prizes, face painting, live music and pop-up bar. Free event, donations welcome.