

Farway Church of England Primary School

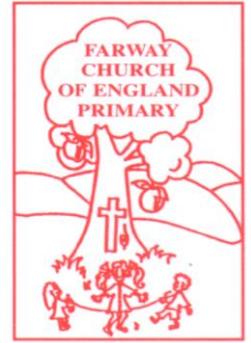
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Dear Parents,

Using their Owl learning powers this week, the children at Farway have been carefully noticing and observing, in all their learning. The children have been reminding themselves of the animal learning powers we use at Farway to help us focus our learning.

Hot seating the characters of the Little Red Hen has helped the children in KS1 to deepen their knowledge of this traditional tale, and use their questioning skills and language. Discussing how the Little Red Hen might have felt when her friends didn't help her, has also helped the children to begin to empathise with a story character, and relate this to their own lives and friendships at school or home. The children have also started using some story writing language such as, 'Opening' and 'Ending' to identify what happened in different parts of the familiar tale, and sequence images and story text to correctly order the story events. In maths, the children have been learning their number bonds and thinking of creative ways to help them remember the numbers to make 10 or 20. They have used actions and rhyme to embed their number facts. Maybe the children can teach someone at home the actions, for the number bonds to make 10! 2 and 8 are always... 5 and 5 like to...

Fresh from their exciting and insightful trip to Tiverton Museum last week, the pupils in KS2 continue to have taken a step back in time. They have been introduced to Maggie, a little girl from the Victorian times who has started to write her own diary of her trials and tribulations during this era. Focusing on verbs, adverbs and fronted adverbials in their Victorian diary writing this week, KS2 have discussed the effectiveness and position of these word classes in a sentence, and applied their knowledge to their own detailed diary writing. In maths, the pupils have excelled in the challenge and fun of using larger numbers, as they work towards the end of their Place Value unit. By physically 'building' the larger numbers and noticing the value of each digit within these larger numbers, the children have developed their understanding and progressed to adding and subtracting, with 2, 3, 4 and more digit numbers. Perhaps the children can explain to someone at home, the importance of placing 0 in a number such as 4062 and what difference it would make it wasn't there to 'hold the place'?

Many thanks to all who contributed to our wonderful Harvest celebrations last weekend. It was once again an annual highlight, so a big thankyou to those who attended. It was Reverend Peter's last service at Farway Church but he did also lead our school worship on Thursday when we presented him with a card that the children had made. I would like to thank Reverend Peter for all the support he has given to me and to the school during his time in Farway.

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:

Key Stage 1: What are your favourite foods to eat and why?

Key Stage 2: Who are the Royal Family?

Key Dates

Autumn Term 2017

25th September – Cross Country for Key Stage 2 at Honiton Community College

20th October – Last Day of Half Term

30th October – Non Pupil Day

31st October – First Day Back for Children

15th November - Parents' Evening

12th December – Christmas Play (evening)

19th December- End of Term

Home Learning

The purpose of home learning is for the children do their own home learning - to write it themselves. For younger pupils, it is essential that they at least have an opportunity to have a go / make marks in their books to express their understanding. Younger pupils could copy initial letter sounds their parent has scribed, but there is no need to copy out whole sentences. Thank you.

Cross Country Reminder

On Monday 25th September all children in Key Stage 2 (year's 3- 6) are scheduled to take part in a Cross Country Event at Honiton Community College. A separate letter has been sent home about this. Please can parents make sure that, all children in Key Stage 2, come to school with a **packed lunch**, and their **car seat** on Monday. A reminder that no child will be able to travel to this event, if we have not received a **completed SOE3 permission form**. Thank you for your help with this.

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. 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. This term the events are scheduled to take place on Mondays. The next event takes place on **Monday 2nd October** from **12-3pm** and is for children in **Key Stage 2**. If you are able to help transport children to and from this event, please speak to Tamsin in the school office. Any help with this would be gratefully received.

Data Collection Sheets

Data Collection Sheets were sent home this week with every child please could you check all the details on the form are correct so we can contact you in case of an emergency. Please also ensure there is at least one local contact other than parents. Even if all the details are correct the form still needs signing and handing back to Tamsin in the office.

Clothing & Coats

Please can children bring a coat to school every day? The weather is very changeable at the moment, and we use the outside environment to support our learning - whatever the weather. All clothing also needs to be labelled with names. Thank you for your help with this.

Bags

Reading bags with reading books and reading records must be at school every day please. Children read on a daily basis.

Outdoor clothing and P.E Kit

All children need to have appropriate outdoor clothing with them for every Wednesday afternoon. The children also need to have the full P.E kit in school every Monday, consisting of red Farway logo t-shirt, black shorts and trainers. Thank you.

Headlice

There has been a recent case of Head Lice within school. **May we please ask that if your child has long hair it is tied back in school so it may help prevent the spread of head lice.** The following advice comes from the School Nurse: Please check your child/children's and close family members' heads tonight. We also generally recommend that your child/children's head should be checked once a week for head lice. The best way to do this is to wash your child's hair normally, towel dry and then apply plenty of conditioner. You should then brush and comb your child's hair and finally comb thoroughly through with a head lice comb. Current recommended combs are the Bug Buster Kit and Nitty Gritty. The Bug Buster Kit can be ordered from www.nits.net/bugbusting and the Nitty Gritty comb can be bought from local pharmacies.

It is important when using this "wet combing" method that you repeat the above method every four days for two weeks. This should ensure that all live lice, including any which may hatch during this time are removed. Health practitioners do not recommend the use of insecticides. For further information please contact your school nurse on 01395 576162.

Collective Worship Activity

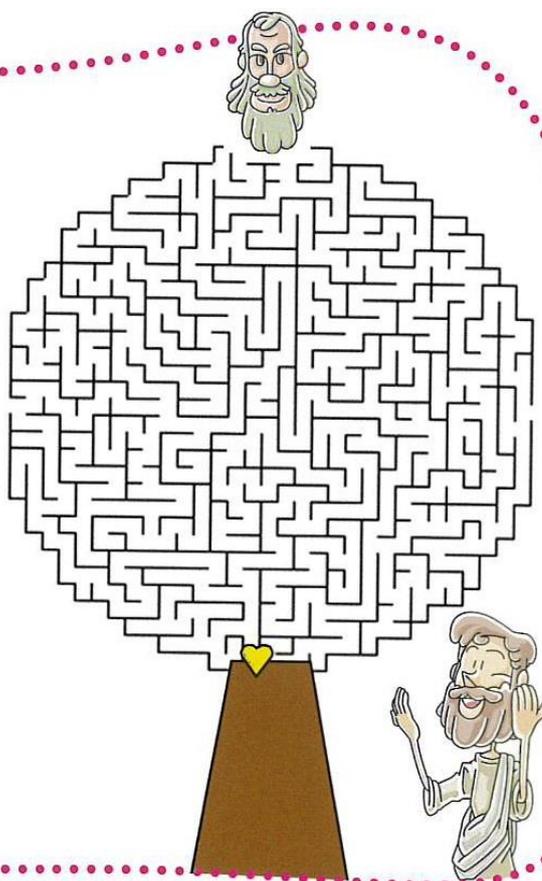
This term we will be focussing in school on the value of Forgiveness. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together. If the children bring back something that you have done at home linked to the Collective Worship activity, or can talk about a discussion they've had at home linked to it, then Mrs Gray will award them with a new special sticker.



QUIZ

Tree Maze

Help Zacchaeus find his way down from the top of the tree, to meet Jesus.



Sidmouth Science Festival

The 6th Sidmouth Science Festival will take place from Tuesday 3rd until Sunday 15th October with lots of free events suitable for everyone. Please visit the website at www.sidmouthsciencefestival.org for the full programme, news about events, and details on how to reserve places for some events.