



DIARY DATES

- **HALF TERM WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 16TH FEBRUARY**
- **FS2 PARENT CONSULTATIONS 10TH MARCH, 4-7PM AND 11TH MARCH 1.30-3.30PM**
- **FS1 STAY AND PLAY 16TH AND 17TH MARCH, 9-11AM AND 12.30-2.30PM**

OTHER INFORMATION

- **WE ASK FOR A CONTRIBUTION OF £2 PER TERM PER CHILD TO COVER THE COST OF ITEMS SUCH AS COOKING INGREDIENTS. PLEASE BRING THIS IN ASAP IN AN ENVELOPE WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON IT.**
- **P.E IS EVERY MONDAY. PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD ALWAYS HAS CORRECT NAMED KIT IN SCHOOL.**
- **LIBRARY BOOKS ARE CHANGED EVERY THURSDAY.**

WELCOME TO BLESSED ROBERT WIDMERPOOL FOUNDATION STAGE!

Miss Chapman, Miss Garforth and all of the staff in the Foundation Stage wish you a very Happy New Year. We also offer our new children and their families a warm welcome.

We continue to plan within our over-arching themes of adventure and poetry.

“Poetry: the best words in the best order.”



Our first topic will be, 'I Can'. At the heart of our learning will be:

Celebrations: The children will be reflecting on their experiences and learning the story of Mary and Joseph taking Jesus to the temple.

Our celebrations will take us on lots of adventures! We will be exploring the different celebrations we have at church and at home and will be sharing our experiences with each other. We will wonder about why people celebrate and will be retelling the story of Mary and Joseph taking Jesus to the temple. We will also be looking very closely at castles and looking at how they were built. We will be working both on our own and in small groups making big and small castles. Then

we will be writing and telling stories about our castles and the adventures that we have had within them. Throughout this topic we will be celebrating what each child can do and looking at how we can improve our skills.



Our second topic will be 'I Wonder What I Can Collect'.

We will be collecting objects from both the indoor and the outdoor environment then sorting and comparing them with our friends. We will have an under-the-sea themed sorting shop outside and we will be using our experiences from this topic

to create a poem based upon our theme.

At the heart of our learning will be:

Talking about how we gather together to listen to God's word. The children will be leading the way deciding how we should gather together and respond to God's word during our liturgies.





Finally, we will end the term by '**Growing Together.**' We will be observing how animals grow and looking at life cycles and what things need to live. We are going to build upon this by discussing and explaining how to care for young animals in our role-play vets. Then we will be using a variety of tools and materials to create Easter cards to send home to our families. We will also be composing music and creating dances related to growing.

At the heart of this topic is:

Learning about Lent and growing in love and spirituality as we prepare to celebrate Easter.



Forest School will be continue this term for all the FS2 children and the oldest FS1 children—dates for your child's visits will be given to you very soon. Last term we had a wonderful time, learning how to use tools safely to make magic wands, creating poems inspired by the forest and collecting different textured natural materials. The children also loved the freedom of exploring the woods and running up and down the field. Thank you for understanding that, despite waterproofs, the children will get muddy whilst learning in the outdoors.



We will continue to keep you informed by sending out weekly updates, but please also use the school website: <https://jupiter.inthehive.net/sites/brw/public/default.aspx> and the school blog: <http://brwacademy.com/> to keep in touch.

**PLEASE COME AND TALK TO
US ABOUT ANY QUESTIONS
YOU MAY HAVE.**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO
THIS BUSY AND EXCITING
TERM!**