



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Ten Ten Theatre:**  
12th January 9am ~ all parent's welcome
- **Talent Show Auditions:**  
13th January
- **KS1 Talent Show:**  
29th January ~ 9:10am
- **INSET Day:**  
12th February
- **Year 1 Assembly:**  
25th February ~ 9:00am
- **World Book Day:**  
3rd March
- **Parents Consultations:**  
15th January: 4-7pm  
16th January: 1:30-3.30pm
- **KS1 Class Mass:**  
17th March ~ 9:00am



# Welcome back Year 1!

Miss Sparkes

Spring Term 2016

Happy New Year to all of the parents and children of Year 1! I hope that you all had a fabulous Christmas holiday and are ready for another exciting term.

RE is always at the heart of our learning. This term our RE topics are the following:

- **Special People**

We will recognise that we are surrounded by people who love and care for us. We will learn that there are people who have special roles within our parish. We will also learn why Jesus is a very special person in all of our families.

- **Meals**

We will explore how the parish family gathers for the Eucharistic Feast. We will retell the story of the Last Supper and learn about the importance of Holy Communion during the Mass.

- **Change**

During Lent we will learn that during this time we reflect on life and change. We will retell the story of Palm Sunday and find out why we celebrate this special day in church.

## Magic Makers...

This year at BRW we are celebrating the year of **Creativity**. As a class the sky really won't be the limit, we will be aiming beyond!! We are continuing our journey of discovery this term with our topic called **Magic Makers**, where we will be reading magical and fantasy themed stories by authors such as Roald Dahl, JK Rowling and Valerie Thomas.

We will become historical detectives as we research more about the lives of these authors. We will create timelines of their lives and write letters to JK Rowling in order to find out more about her.

Year 1 will use their scientific knowledge to investigate what happens when ingredients are mixed together in magical potion making. This will link nicely to maths learning as we learn about capacity when solving Winnie the Witch's cauldron problems.

We will become expert weather forecasters as we investigate how the movement of the sun determines our seasons. We will monitor and compare the changing seasons as they happen. Look out for our weather forecasts on the BRW Academy Blog!

Film and stories will inspire us to write this term. We will explore magical lands as story settings and create our own weird and wonderful characters. These characters will then be used as inspiration for our sculptures which will explore the use of line, form and the actions characters may show.

Every Tuesday and Wednesday we will take part in PE lessons. This term we will be

coached by Mr Maylard-Mason, please see overleaf for more details.

Clifton will become the focus of our map making as we embark on some field work based around our local area. We will use computers and iPads to study aerial maps and plans. We will explore areas of interest and take part in Forest Schools. The children will be on the hunt for the 'Little People' who live in the woods.

The children will be so inspired by our topic that they will be writing instructions explaining how to make potions, use their phonic knowledge to add labels to their designs, write recounts of their adventures, listen to and recite poetry about fantasy lands, write character descriptions and stories which feature these characters.

During this term we are hoping to board a magical tour bus as we visit somewhere full of magic, spells, wizards and all things out of this world...**watch this space!**



**PE:** This half term our PE days are **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**. Our Tuesday session will focus on **gymnastics** inside and **Wednesday** sessions will focus on throwing and catching skills leading to invasion games. These sessions will take place **outside**. Children **must** have the correct PE kit in school:

**Tuesday:**

Plain white t-shirt

Black shorts

Black plimsoles

**Wednesday:**

Plain jumpers (hooded/zip up)

Jogging bottoms/leggings



PE kits **must** be brought into school on **Monday** and taken home on **Friday**.

**Earrings**

Due to health and safety reasons earrings **must** be removed before all PE sessions. Please remove them before school if your child is not able to do this independently.

**Reading Books:**

Please listen to your child read everyday and write a positive comment in the record book provided. Raffle tickets will be awarded to children who read regularly and record it. Children should bring their reading book to school everyday.

Books will be changed on **Monday** and **Thursday**. If your child is not ready for a new book please leave a note in the reading record.

**Spellings:**

Spellings will be given out every **Thursday**. Please help your child to learn them ready for a quiz the following **Thursday**.

And finally...if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to me either before or after the school day. Alternatively please see me to arrange an appointment at a convenient time.

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