

# Welcome Back Year 2



Spring Newsletter January 2017

## Where will your imagination take you?

Firstly, I'd like to say a warm welcome back (and Happy New Year!) to all of Year 2 and their parents. I am thoroughly looking forward to this term and it is already looking like it will be one which inspires!

As I'm sure you are aware, Year 2, as with every year, is a very important one for the children. They have already made some tremendous progress and we will be continuing to work incredibly hard. We will also have time for lots of fun along the way! The children will be given many opportunities throughout the term—from Swimming and Forest School sessions in our locality to visits further afield which have inspired famous authors! I hope they are ready for the challenges which await them!

## *Imaginary Worlds and Their Explorers...*

As a school we are celebrating the year to Imagine, Invent and Inspire! We will be continuing with this theme this term but our focus in class (following heated discussions with the children!) will be learning about worlds which have inspired imaginations and their explorers! We will be reading stories which have gained inspiration from magical, real-life places such as JM Barrie's Peter Pan and The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. We will also be learning more about the geography of these landscapes which seem so alien and different from those of our own local landscapes. We will look at hot and cold landscapes and learn more about the oceans and continents where they are based. We will also look at the impact of pollution on the ice caps. In History, we will learn about the life and work of celebrated author JM Barrie and the links he has with our own city Nottingham! We will also use his influence to inspire our own fundraising efforts at Lent for Bungpuruku.

In Mathematics we will be working hard to develop our knowledge and recall of multiplication, addition and subtraction facts. We will be using these on a weekly basis to develop our problem solving skills and we will have chance to showcase them during the school's celebration of NSPCC Number Day later in the term. In RE we will be learning about special books, the Bible and the stories of the explorers in the New Testament particularly the story of John the Baptist and Jesus' own baptism. Judaism will be a focus of our studies in other faiths. In class we will be learning about the Jewish celebration of the Shabbat. The TenTen theatre company will also be visiting early in the term to present a piece called 'Up in the Clouds' which will demonstrate the importance of making others happy as we travel on our own journeys in faith.

In Art, Design and Music studies we will learn about crafting 3D art in the form of ice sculpture. The soundtrack from Peter Pan will provide inspiration for our music sessions using rhythm and pulse and we will make the most of our Forest School sessions to create shelters worthy of the Lost Boys! In Science we will look at the seasons which have inspired these story settings and learn more about how day length differs around the world and throughout the course of the year. We will also use our own local landscape to help us investigate things which are living, non-living or have never lived.

## Dates for your diary....

Back to School	4/1
TenTen Theatre	11/1
Year 2 Assembly	26/1
Key Stage 1 Talent Show	27/1
???	6/2
INSET Day	10/2
Y2 Swimming	20/2
Y1+2 Class Mass	23/2
Parents Consultations 4pm-7pm	14/3
Parents Consultations 1.15pm-4pm	15/3
End of Spring Term	27/3





**Notice:** There will be no swimming until the second half of this term.  
**PE kit** will still be needed in school from Monday—Friday. Forest  
Schools will start soon—watch this space for details!

## *What you can do to support your child throughout Year 2.*

I have had many parents come to me asking how best to support their children with us here at BRW. As a result, here are a few key things which can prove invaluable in supporting your child.

- 1) Check homework newsletters which go out each Tuesday. This will have up-to-date information on the children's activities too.
- 2) Regularly revisit addition, subtraction and multiplication facts with children—this really does make an incredible difference! By the end of the year they should be able to count in and recall multiplication and division facts for the 2, 3, 5 and 10 x tables.
- 3) Encourage your children to read at home and ask them questions about what they are reading. Use reading targets to help.
- 4) Ensure children are wearing the correct uniform, have full PE kit and are on time for school.

All your support makes such an enormous difference!

Miss Catterall



## **BRW Blogging!**

Blessed Robert Widmerpool has been online now for some time and the children have had chance in class to access the website themselves. Many children in the school are already blogging! If you are interested in finding out what happens in class, please log on to...

[BRWacademy.org.uk](http://BRWacademy.org.uk)

## **Year 2 Head Out to the Forest....**

Year 2 will be taking part in their 6 week Forest School Programme throughout this term. The children will learn all about exploring in the locality and will be using the sessions to develop their skills in team work, communication and resourcefulness!

A newsletter with full dates, details and other useful information will be with you shortly.

