

Welcome Back Year 2



Spring Newsletter January 2016

Spring back....

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 a busy one!

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 Forest School sessions to visits to the International Speed Skating! I hope they are ready for the challenges which await them!

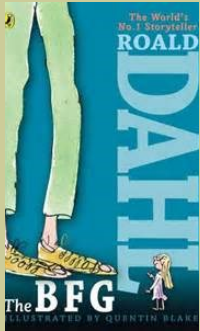
Magic Makers

As a school we are celebrating the year to CREATE! We will be continuing with this theme this term but our focus in class (following heated discussions with the children!) will be.... Magic Makers! We will be reading famous stories from the celebrated British authors JK Rowling and Roald Dahl and be will escaping into the fantasy worlds of witchcraft and wizardry!

We will be creating sculptures of famous characters from Harry Potter or the BFG and will be creating our own potions using different materials in our science lessons. The Harry Potter soundtrack will also provide inspiration for our music sessions using rhythm and pulse and we will be learning more about the history of magic and the infamous Magic Circle itself in history!

In RE we will be celebrating miracles and awe in abundance! We will be learning about special books, the Bible and the stories of 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 and we will be celebrating the Passover as a whole school. In class we will be learning about the Jewish celebration of the Shabbat.

The TenTen theatre company will also be visiting this term to present a piece called 'Freedom Fighter' which will showcase the importance of following rules and model why we work hard to do the right thing every day as a Christian.



Dates for your diary....

Visit to Ice Arena— International Speed Skating	8/1
TenTen Theatre Performance	12/1
Year 2 Assembly	28/ 1
Key Stage 1 Talent Show	29/ 1
Musical Evening	11/2
INSET Day	12/
World Book Day	3/3
Year 1+2 Class Mass	17/3
Parents Consultations 4pm-7pm	15/3
Parents Consultations 1.15pm-4pm	16/3
Sport Relief	18/ 3
End of Spring Term	





Reminder: There will be no swimming until the Summer 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/Wednesday. This will have up-to-date information on the children's activities too.
- 2) Regularly revisit spellings, addition, subtraction and multiplication facts with children—this really does make an incredible difference!
- 3) Encourage your children to read at home and ask them questions about what they are reading/if they are enjoying it etc... There are targets in their reading records.
- 4) Ensure children are wearing the correct uniform, have full PE kit and are on time for school



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

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 explore in the locality, discover more about the magical woodland and will be using the sessions to develop their collaboration, communication and resourcefulness!

A newsletter with full dates, details and other useful information will be with you shortly. Please let us know at the office if you can support us during the session.

