

Welcome Back Y2!

Summer Newsletter 2017

Year 2 continue on their journey...

Firstly, I'd like to say a warm welcome back 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, this is the year to Imagine, Invent and Inspire! So far we have learnt more about life in the times of the Victorians and about real-life landscapes that have inspired explorers and writers! Now we will be learning more about growth.



How does our Garden Grow?

From the outset of the term we will be learning more about how plants, animals and people grow. RE, as always, will be at the heart of our curriculum. We will be learning more about the celebration of Pentecost and how we are challenged each and every day to grow and live our lives in Jesus' footsteps in our topics Treasures, Rules and Serving. In our Science sessions we will be learning more about plants, how they germinate from seeds and we will be growing super-foods in our own garden. Alongside this, we will be investigating the food sources of different animals which live in our locality. We will learn more about the roles that producers, consumers and predators play in food chains and even have some scheduled visits from dogs, rabbits and chickens to look forward to.

In our English sessions we will look at the story structure and distinctive style of Roald Dahl as we investigate the celebrated story Fantastic Mr Fox! We will use drama to explore the text and get to grips with the wonderful vocabulary used to bring this story of an extraordinary animal to life! We will also be reading a range of non-fiction texts focused on gardening, plants and local animals. Our mathematics lessons will also be inspired by growth! We will develop our understanding of measure as we cultivate our own crops and we will use pictograms and graphs to record our observations.

In our geography sessions we will be taking part in field work investigations of our local environment and comparing it with a real life urban farm in Nottingham and one in Bungpurugu ,India! In History, we will be learning about changes in living memory as we learn more about the life of our local community figure, our gardener Sarah Taylor. The vegetables we grow in our own garden will be used to create our own super-food soups as part of our D+T projects. We will also be inspired by God's creations as we experiment with different media in our Art sessions.

Year 2 swimming sessions will start again, every Wednesday, from the second half of term. In outdoor games we will be developing our athletics skills in preparation for Sports Day. KS1 Sports Day itself will give the children the opportunity to show off their new skills!

Dates for your diary....

Y2 Assembly 27/4

KS1 Assessment Week 15/5

KS1 Disco 17/5

KS1 Sports Day 18/5

Half Term 29/5

Year 2 Swimming 7/7

Celebration Picnic 13/7

Reports to Parents 14/7

School Closes for Summer 26/7



Year 2 End of Key Stage Assessments

I have had many parents come to me already this term asking how best to support their children as they approach their end of year assessments which will take place in soon.

As a result, here are a few key things which can prove invaluable in supporting your child in their time here at BRW...

- **Check weekly homework newsletters** for up-to-date information.

The children will be set homework on Tuesday.

- **Regularly revisit number facts** with children—this really does make an incredible difference! Practice totaling three dice, adding money, counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, doubling and halving to 20. All ways to develop keen mathletes! Mathletics is also still available to all our children- let me know if you need the password again.

- **Encourage your children to read at home** and ask them questions about what characters say and do.

- Ensure children are wearing the correct uniform, have full PE kit and are on time for school. Children are welcome from 8.45am.



Our Own Adventure...

This term the children will be having the opportunity to take part in a class visit to a real life farm in Nottingham City Centre.

The visit to Stone Bridge Farm in St Anne's will give the children the chance to see how plants and animals thrive in an urban environment. They will have chance to come face to face with farm animals, talk to farmers and learn more about growing their own vegetables.

Further information will be available shortly! Watch this space!

Thank you,

Miss Catterall

Reminder: Swimming will take place each Wednesday after half term. Outdoor PE will take place each Thursday

