

Welcome to Year 1!

Miss Sparkes

Autumn Term 2015

I would like to wish all of the parents and children of Year 1 a very warm welcome! I hope that you all had a lovely summer holiday and are ready for another exciting and busy school year.

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

- **Families**

We will learn that everyone belongs to the family of God. We will talk about our own families and the differences between them. Children will understand that God loves and cares for us.

- **Belonging**

We will explore the different groups that we belong to. Children will learn that Baptism enables us to belong to God's family in a special way. We will visit the church to find out what happens during a Baptism.

- **Waiting**

We will learn that Advent is a time of waiting in joyful hope for Jesus. We will explore the story of Christingle and find out why God sent Jesus to us.

Then There Was Light...

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Harvest Mass:**
22nd December
- **Parents Consultations:**
20th October
21st October
- **Space Centre Visit:**
24th September
- **Year 1 Nativity:**
7th December

This year at BRW is **The Year To Create** and as a class the sky really will be the limit! We will be going on many journeys of discovery throughout the year and this term our topic is called **Then There was Light**, where we will be finding out about light and dark, planets, stars and the solar system and how the movement of the sun affects our seasons.

Year 1 will start their creative journey by learning about different materials and their properties. They will then use this knowledge as they design and make their own rocket ships which will be launched as part of a class house competition.

We will use our scientific knowledge to investigate how the movement of the sun determines our seasons. We will monitor and compare the changing seasons as they happen.

Our creative talents will shine as we learn new sketching skills and the textures and patterns that can be created using a range of pencils. We will draw space ships and rockets.

Every Friday afternoon the children will take part in dance lessons with Miss Smith. They will work as a team to create and choreograph a dance to the Star Wars theme tune. This will then be showcased to the whole school at the end of term.

The children will be so inspired by our topic that they will be writing instructions explaining how to build rockets, use their phonic knowledge to add labels to their designs, write recounts of their space

adventures, listen to and recite poetry about aliens, write character descriptions of aliens and astronauts and write stories to feature these characters.

Our mathematical problem solving will also be put to the test as Alien Andy will be leaving us a range of practical problems to solve. The children will need to draw upon their skills to find answers to a range of exciting problems. They will also develop their measuring skills through our rocket making.

As we continue on our journey we will explore the first moon landings and the space race when we visit the National Space Centre. The children will use their geographical skills to locate the Space Centre in comparison to where they live.

It promises to be an action packed and fun filled term ahead!



Hair:

Children must have their hair tied up at all times. Hair bobbles and headbands should be in school colours.

PE:

This term our PE days are **Wednesday** and **Friday**. Our Tuesday session will focus on **games** outside and Fridays sessions are **dance**. Children **must** have the correct PE kit in school:

Plain white t-shirt

Black shorts

Black plimsoles

Plain jumpers (hooded/zip up) and jogging bottoms are permitted during cold weather.

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:

All children will be given a reading book and record at the beginning of term. Please listen to your child read everyday and write a positive comment in the record book provided. 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.

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.

I am looking forward to getting to know the children and can't wait to start this busy and exciting term ahead!

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