



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Bike Ability:**
14th September
- **Mass of Welcome:**
15th September
- **Harvest Mass:**
20th October
- **Half Term:**
24th October
- **KS1 Disco:**
1st November
- **Parish Fair:**
26th November
- **Year 1 Nativity:**
5th December
- **Christmas Jumper Day:**
16th December



Welcome to Year 1!

Miss Sparkes

Autumn Term 2016

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 the 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.

Vile Victorians or Innovative Inventors?

This year at BRW we are celebrating the time to **Imagine, Invent and Inspire**. We will be going on many journeys of discovery throughout the year and this term our topic is called **Vile Victorians or Innovative Inventors?** We will be finding out about the legacy that Queen Victoria left and the inspiring inventions that were created in the Victorian era.

Year 1 will discover how Victorian children lived and worked, the importance of inventing and the excitement caused by Prince Albert's Great Exhibition. They will also have the opportunity to design and make their own inventions.

The Victorians enjoyed afternoon tea. We will create our own recipes as we take part in the Year 1 Bake Off! We will then learn how to weigh and measure accurately as we follow our instructions.

Our artistic skills will be developed as we look at Lowry's work. We will experiment with sketching, painting and using pastels to create different effects.

In geography we will compare geographical features of our locality with other countries in the British Empire. We will also identify oceans and continents around the world.

Our dance sessions will be led by Mrs Bathgate. We will develop our choreography skills as we become chimney sweeps and learn a dance routine to 'Step in Time' from Mary Poppins.

We will use our scientific knowledge to investigate forces. We will be inspired by the invention of the first motor car as we investigate which surfaces help cars to move the furthest distance. We will also compare materials and decide which materials are best suited to our inventions.

This term we will also visit the Computing Lab each week. We will learn how the different parts of a computer work, e-safety, logging on and off, coding and begin to familiarize ourselves with a range of programs such as Word and Revelation Art.

In English lessons we will transport ourselves to the Victorian times and write diary entries and letters as we imagine that we are Victorian children. We will also focus on the Victorian classic of Jungle Book and other traditional stories. The children will also have the opportunity to write to our very own Queen Elizabeth.

Our maths problem solving skills will be used as we solve problems related to money in our Victorian fruit and veg shop. We will also investigate problems related to capacity, measuring length, addition and subtraction, number bonds to 10 and begin to use our 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We will also experience a Victorian maths lesson.

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

First, *think*.
Second, *believe*.
Third, *dream*.
And finally, *dare*.
Walt Disney

School Day

The Year 1 children can enter the school between 8:50am and 9:00am each day. Children should wait with their adult until the door is open. There is no need to make a line.

The children will leave at 3:25pm. The children will line up in the courtyard and will be dismissed once their adults have been seen by a member of staff. Please let us know if a different adult to usual is going to collect your child.

PE

This half term our PE days are **Thursday** and **Friday**.

Kit: PE kits must be brought into school on a Monday and will be returned on Friday. PE kits should include a plain white t-shirt, black shorts, black plimsolls and socks.

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.

Our **Thursday** sessions will take place outside and focus on Agility, Balance and Coordination. Children must have plimsolls for these sessions.

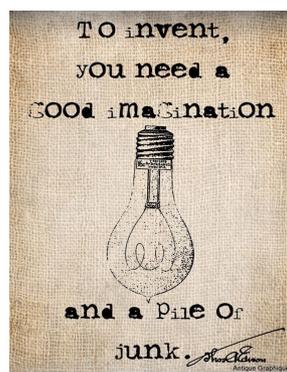
Friday sessions are dance where we are learning a routine to the song 'Step in Time' from Mary Poppins.

Reading Books

All children have been given a reading record, Jelly and Bean book and banded reading book. Please listen to your child read everyday and write a comment in the reading record.

Children should bring in their reading books everyday. We have weekly Guided Reading sessions and volunteers who listen to the children read.

Reading books will be changed every Monday and Thursday. If your child is not ready for a new book then please leave a note in the reading record.



Homework

Homework tasks will be given on a Friday. This could be spellings, number facts, letter formation or a mini project to complete at home. Please support your child in these tasks as they will feed into our learning in the classroom.

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!

Miss Sparkes