

# It's the time to Dig, Discover, Make and Master in Year 2!



I would like to start by saying a very warm welcome to all of the children in Year 2 and their parents! This term is already looking to be a very exciting (and busy) one. This year we will be celebrating the time to Dig, Discover, Make and Master! Our first topic will get the ball rolling in great style!

The children's topic this term is called 'What's our Horrible History?' and will be focused on the children's understanding of history in We will be writing our own autobiographies and ordering key dates from the past. As the term progresses we will learn more about key events in history beyond those that the children can remember. We will be celebrating BRW's own Diamond Jubilee in style and learning more about life at this time. We will be inviting Grandparent in to talk about what Clifton was like when they grew up (please volunteer through the office!) and will even be finding time in our Music and Dance sessions to learn some rock 'n' roll songs. We will learn songs with Mr Wheat and dances with Mrs Bathgate!

Our Geography will also be inspired by our locality. The children will be learning more about the Clifton Estate, how it was created and how it has changed over the decades.

As part of their RE studies, the children will learn about the history of our world through the story of Creation. We will also learn about the history of signs and symbols seen in Baptism celebrations whilst we reflect on our own. Finally, we will have chance to think more about how we prepare at Advent as Christ-

mas approaches through the topic of Preparations. We will, as always be celebrating the season in style with the annual Carols Around the Tree and Year 2 Nativity Celebration.

Our English lessons will be inspired by our own histories as we write biographies, sharing our humorous histories with each other so far. We will learn more about fairy tales and even have time to encounter some traditional stories with a twist! We will be reading the story of Beauty & the Beast and have chance to watch it performed lived on our class visit to the pantomime in December. Watch this space!

In Science, the children will be learning about the Human Body and Animals. They will be investigating the senses, categorising animals and digging deep to find out more about the natural world around us. In Art the children will be developing their printing skills on a topic all about Andy Warhol. We will look carefully at his use of print techniques and try to replicate them ourselves.

Mrs McGurk will be teaching science and geography with Year 2 on Thursdays this term.

The children will have more opportunities to develop their independence than ever before, and I, for one, can't wait to get started!

**Mrs Henderson**

### Dates for your diary...

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| Year 2 Swimming              | 11/9  |
| Mass of Welcome              | 14/9  |
| Diamond Jubilee Celebrations | 12/10 |
| Harvest Mass                 | 19/10 |
| Parents Consultations        | 17/10 |
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| Y2 Nativity                  | 5/12  |
| Carols Around the            | 11/12 |
| Whole School Mass            | 21/12 |

### Ways You Can Help...

- Encourage your children to bring in a labelled swimming kit each Monday. Please bring PE kit on Tuesday
- Read every evening and sign your child's reading log
- Check the reading record for homework (This will be set every Tuesday)

### YEAR 2 SWIMMING!

In support of the children's studies in PE, Year 2 will be taking part in swimming sessions in the Autumn and Summer terms.

The children will have a full induction and begin developing their water confidence from the first session. The children will visit Clifton Leisure Centre on Monday afternoons. They will need to take a towel and swimming costume -no bikinis please!

For those with long hair, they will need to have it tied back in preparation for the

water! **Shorts must be above the knee, without pockets for children to swim safely.**

Children are welcome to wear goggles, please send them with a note of consent. However, **children are not permitted to swim with earrings in.** In the Summer term, swimming will take place on Wednesdays.

We are still searching for parent helpers to assist with the sessions. If you are available on Monday afternoons to help, please let the office know.

