



A new start, a new year and a new chance to CREATE for Year 2....



I would like to start by saying a very warm welcome back 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 will be the year to **create** and our first topic will get the ball rolling in great style!

The children's topic this term is called 'Then there was Light!' and will be focused on all that lurks in the darkness of space! As part of their RE studies, the children will learn about how God created the world. We will also learn about the signs and symbols of Baptism and how we prepare at Advent as Christmas approaches.

We will learn more about each other as we write biographies, sharing the stories which have created our lives so far. We will learn more about the wonders of the milky way using information texts and write a recount of our visit to the National Space Centre in Leicester. Watch this space!

Mrs Bryne will be teaching science with Year 2 on Wednesdays this term. The children will be learning all about seasonal changes and how shadows are formed. They will also learn more about different materials, how to categorise them and, in turn, how to use these materials to create their own space rockets!

We will be using our class I-pads to update you on our work in class (brwacademy.com) and each child will have chance to take home the class 'Baker's Basket' which will

contain lots of equipment for the children to create their new and inspiring recipes!

In Art the children will be developing their pencil grips and drawing skills by creating landscapes of distant planets in our solar system and portraits of famous space explorers and astronauts. In history the children will learn more about the space race itself and compare life now to that at the time of the infamous moon landings. We will also have visits from grandparents to tell us more about this. In geography we will be using maps to explore our own locality and will create our own maps of the solar system. Music will be inspired by Holst's classical piece 'The Planets'. The children will learn how to play tuned and untuned instruments and create their own compositions.

The children will also have the opportunity to take part in Dance with Miss Smith. The children will be learning a space-inspired routine, inspired by the soundtrack of 'Star Wars'. PE will be take place on Fridays and will focus on invasion games.

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

Miss Catterall

Dates for your diary...

Year 2 Swimming Starts	7/9
INSET Day	9/10
Parents Consultations	20/10
Parents Consultations	21/10
INSET Day	23/10
Carols Around the Tree	11/12
School Closes for Christmas	18/12

Ways You Can Help...

- Encourage your children to bring in a labelled PE kit AND swimming kit each Monday
- Read every evening and sign your child's reading log
- Check the reading record for home-work (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 or shorts below the knee please!). For those with

long hair, they will need to have it tied back in preparation for the water!

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.

