

# A New School Year ! Time for Year 2 to Imagine, Invent and Inspire.....



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 **Imagine, Invent and Inspire** and our first topic will get the ball rolling in great style!

The children's topic this term is called 'Vile Victorians or Ingenious Inventors' and will be focused on what life was like in the Victorian era! As part of their RE studies, the children will be learning about the greatest inventor of all—God! They will learn about how God made the world in seven days when reading the Creation Story. 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 stories released in the Victorian era, such as The Three Little Pigs and Alice in Wonderland. We will be using many of Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes to inspire our lessons on poetry and prepare our own recital.

Mrs McGurk will be teaching both Science and Geography with Year 2 on Wednesdays this term. The children's science sessions will be inspired by the celebrated inventions of the Victorian times. They will learn more about forces and how different surfaces help cars to travel faster. They will also be identifying and comparing the different materials used at these times to create these ingenious inventions.

In Geography we will be making comparisons

between our own locality and that of other countries that were once part of the British Empire.

We will be using class I-pads to update you on work in class ([brwacademy.com](http://brwacademy.com)) and each child will have chance to take home the class 'Creation Station' - further details coming soon!

In Art the children will be developing their pencil grip and drawing skills by crafting self-portraits and learning more about the work of William Morris. The children will investigate Morris' distinctive style, inspired by nature, and learn more about his use of pattern.

Music will be inspired by the sounds of Victorian streets and school yards. The children will learn how to identify and play tuned/untuned instruments and create their own compositions inspired by the era.

The children will have the opportunity to take part in Dance with Mrs Bathgate. The children will be learning a Y1+2 tap routine, inspired by the track 'Step in Time' from Mary Poppins. PE will be take place on Wednesday 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**



## 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 in Autumn Term and Wednesday afternoon in the Summer Term 2017.

They will need to take a towel and swimming costume (no bikinis or shorts below the knee/with pockets 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. They will need to be able to remove these themselves.

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. It would be greatly appreciated.



### Dates for your diary...

<b>Year 2 Swimming Starts</b>	<b>12/9</b>
<b>Mass of Welcome</b>	<b>15/9</b>
<b>Parents Consultations</b>	<b>18+19 10</b>
<b>Year 2 Nativity</b>	<b>6/12</b>
<b>Carols Around the Tree</b>	<b>9/12</b>
<b>INSET Day</b>	<b>19+20 /12</b>
<b>School Closes for Christmas</b>	<b>18/ 12</b>

### 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
- homework (This will be set every Tuesday)