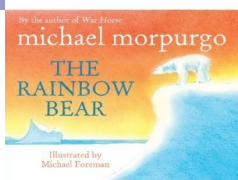


Welcome Back Year 2



Dates for your diary....

Visit to Ice Arena— International Speed Skating	9/1
TenTen Theatre Performance	13/1
Year 2 Assembly	29/ 1
Key Stage 1 Talent Show	30/ 1
Key Stage 1 Disco	6/2
INSET Day	13/
Back to School	23/ 2
World Book Day	5/3
Parents Consultations 4pm-7pm	10/3
Parents Consultations 1.15pm-4pm	11/3
End of Spring Term	27/ 3



Spring Newsletter January 2015

Spring back....

Firstly, I'd like to say a warm welcome back (and Happy New Year!) to all of Year 2 and their parents. I am thoroughly looking forward to this term and it is already looking like it will be a busy one!

As I'm sure you are aware, Year 2, as with every year, is a very important one for the children. They have already made some tremendous progress and we will be continuing to work incredibly hard. We will also have time for lots of fun along the way! The children will be given many opportunities throughout the term— from Forest School sessions to visiting our locality! I hope they are ready for the challenges which await them!

Polar Explorers

As a school we are celebrating the year of ADVENTURE! We will be continuing with this theme this term but our focus in class (following heated discussions with the children!) will be learning about Polar Explorers! We will be reading stories from the Polar Ice-caps like Michael Morpurgo's 'The Rainbow Bear' and we will also be learning more about the geography of ice-caps themselves and arctic explorers like Ranulph Fiennes and Earnest Shackleton. We will look at the impact of pollution on the ice caps and learn more about the lives of the Inuit.

Our Art, Design and Music studies will also be tied in with our focus as will learn about mountain landscapes and sculpture. Happy Feet will provide some inspiration for a class dance and our music sessions using rhythm and pulse and we will be looking at the sculptures of Andy Goldsworthy who uses natural materials to create pieces to inspire the children. In Science we will look at changing materials and investigate foods most suitable for polar adventurers.

In RE we will be learning about special books, the Bible and the stories of the New Testament; particularly the story of John the Baptist and Jesus' own baptism. Judaism will be a focus of our studies in other faiths. In class we will be learning about the Jewish celebration of the Shabbat. The TenTen theatre company will also be visiting early in the term to present a piece called 'Up in the Clouds' which will demonstrate the importance of making others happy.



Reminder: There will be no swimming until the Summer term. PE kit will still be needed in school from Monday—Friday. Forest Schools will start soon—watch this space for details!

What you can do to support your child throughout Year 2.

I have had many parents come to me asking how best to support their children with us here at BRW. As a result, here are a few key things which can prove invaluable in supporting your child.

- 1) Check homework newsletters which go out each Friday. This will have up-to-date information on the children's activities too.
- 2) Regularly revisit addition, subtraction and multiplication facts with children—this really does make an incredible difference!
- 3) Encourage your children to read at home and ask them questions about what they are reading/if they are enjoying it etc...
- 4) Ensure children are wearing the correct uniform, have full PE kit and are on time for school.

Many thanks

All your support makes such an enormous difference!



BRW Blogging!

Blessed Robert Widmerpool has been online now for some time and the children have had chance in class to access the website themselves. Many children in the school are already blogging! If you are interested in finding out what happens in class, please log on to...

BRWacademy.org.uk

Year 2 Head Out to the Forest....

Year 2 will be taking part in their 6 week Forest School Programme throughout this term. The children will learn all about exploring in the locality and will be using the sessions to develop their skills in team work, communication and resourcefulness!

A newsletter with full dates, details and other useful information will be with you shortly.

