

Welcome Back Y2!

Summer Newsletter 2015

Year 2 continue on their own year of adventure...

Firstly, I'd like to say a warm welcome back 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, this is the Year of Adventure! So far we have learnt more about the adventures of pirates and polar explorers! Now we will be learning about adventures set in the depths of the world's jungles!

What Rumbles in the Jungle?

From the outset of the term we will be learning more about the different rainforests and jungles around the world. We will be researching the locations of these jungles, learning more about their climate and investigating the wildlife to be found there. RE, as always, will be at the heart of our curriculum. We will be learning more about the celebration of Pentecost and how we are challenged each and every day to live our lives in Jesus' footsteps in our topics Treasures, Rules and Serving.

We will be adventuring in a contrasting local forests as we camp under the stars in the grounds of Newstead Abbey- more details overleaf! We will be using our shelter-building skills to create jungle base camps in Design and Technology and we will be using inspiration from mother nature herself to inspire our own rainforest collages in Art. Rainforest Rhythms will inspire our music for the term— these will be showcased at our class assembly later in the term.

In Science we will be studying the seasons, completing weather logs and making comparisons between the climate here and in the rainforests. We will also be learning more about how to stay safe in the sun both here and abroad. Alongside this, we will be learning about plants, how they germinate from seeds and investigating different species of plants in our local environment. We will also be creating our own living jungles in class and the Year 2 Writing Shed will be transformed (yet again!) in line with our topic!

Year 2 swimming sessions will start again, every Wednesday, from the first week back. In outdoor games we will be developing our athletics skills in preparation for Sports Day and will be learning to play cricket alongside Coach Maylard Mason. A Chance to Shine Cricket festival will also be taking place to give children the opportunity to show off their new skills!

Dates for your diary....

Y2 Start Swimming	23/4
Whole School Mass	4/6
Year 2 Camping at Newstead Abby	14-15/5
KS1 Sports Day	21/5
Half Term	WC 25/5
BRW Garden Party	24/6
Year 2 Presentation on Class Visit	28/6
Day of Many Colours	29/6
School Closes for Summer	21/7



Reminder: Swimming will take place each Wednesday afternoon. Outdoor PE will take place each Friday.

Year 2 SATS's

I have had many parents come to me already this term asking how best to support their children as they approach their KS1 SAT's which will take place in soon.

As a result, here are a few key things which can prove invaluable in supporting your child in their time here at BRW...

- **Check weekly homework newsletters** for up-to-date information. The children will be set homework on Wednesday. Homework club is still open—please ring the office to confirm a place for your child.
- **Regularly revisit addition and subtraction facts** with children—this really does make an incredible difference! Practice totaling dice, adding money, counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. are all ways to develop keen mathletes!
- **Encourage your children to read at home** and ask them questions which link to their individual targets. Check the reading records for these.
- Ensure children are wearing the correct uniform, have full PE kit and are on time for school. Children are welcome from 8.45am.

Reminder: End of the day for Year 2 is 3.25pm

Our Own Adventure...

In the middle of May the children will be having the opportunity to take part in a class residential visit to Newstead Abbey.

The visit will last for two days and one night. The children will be camping, in ready-made tents in the grounds of Newstead Park. The children will have the opportunity to engage in outdoor pursuits, tour the house itself, scale a climbing wall and the chance to listen to a storyteller before sleeping under the stars.

The visit looks as though it will be a very exciting one, giving the children chance to showcase their Forest School skills and work together as a team. There may also be chance for a little marshmallow toasting!

Further information will be available shortly! Watch this space!

Thank you, Miss Catterall

