

Creativity is inventing, experimenting, growing, taking risks, breaking rules, making mistakes, and having fun.

- Mary Lou Cook

Year 5 Newsletter - Autumn 2015

Creation Nation: How has Britain survived and thrived?

A very warm welcome back to all Year 5 pupils and parents! We hope you had an enjoyable and restful summer. As your children are now in upper key-stage-two, I'm sure they are eager to take on the new responsibilities and challenges that come with it. This year at BRW it is THE YEAR TO CREATE, so throughout this year, we hope to especially stimulate your children's imagination, hopes and dreams!

Throughout **RE** the children will be exploring their talents and gifts through the topic of 'Ourselves'. They will also have chance to look forward and consider their 'Life choices' and how to make the right choices and spread the Good news. The topic of 'Hope' just before Christmas will allow the children to think about waiting, hoping and how to use our time wisely whilst waiting. Our exploration of another World Faith- Sikhism- will give us chance to consider the topic of community and the communities we are part of.

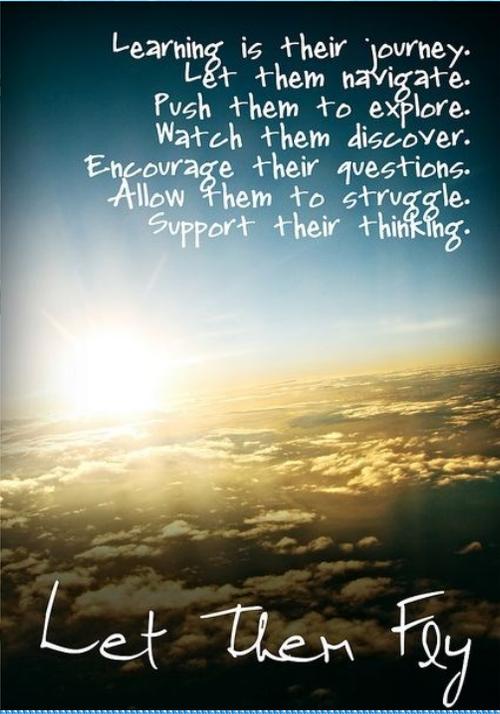
English: Through a range of texts, the children will be further developing their independence in writing and become creative writers. We will be fostering our poetic skills and using our imagination to create original pieces of writing, There will be a focus on spelling, punctuation and grammar to ensure Year 5 create writing of the highest quality.

Maths: We will be looking at the magic of maths and how the skills we have, can help us to overcome challenging maths problems. Whilst broadening our written and mental calculation skills, we hope to encourage children's independence in maths so they become life-long mathematicians.

This term, in **Science**, we will be investigating: how have plants and animals adapted since the beginning of time? We shall be learning about Darwin and his travels on the Beagle and how he learnt about animal's adaptations. This links well to our **Geography** work, where we shall be exploring where Darwin travelled by looking at maps of the world and comparing them to our local area of Clifton.

In **History**, we will discuss: *what's so great about the Vile Victorians?* As it is the year to create, the children will be discovering what inventions Britain has to thank the Victorians for. For example, they invented both the telephone and Jelly Babies- thank goodness for the Victorians!

The children's **Artistic** skills will be put to work whilst creating Victorian puppets and in **DT** we will be cooking so get ready to put on apron and practise your culinary skills!



Learning is their journey.
Let them navigate.
Push them to explore.
Watch them discover.
Encourage their questions.
Allow them to struggle.
Support their thinking.

Let Them Fly

Help from home!



1. Check Homework diaries regularly for weekly information about your child's work and progress. Please sign diaries weekly.
2. Children will be given homework each week on a Tuesday and will usually be given seven days to complete this. As Year 5's they should be able complete this independently but they may need the odd reminder from someone at home to get it done!
3. It is very important that all children can recall their number facts quickly and correctly, so when possible please encourage your child to practise their multiplication, division, addition and subtraction skills.
4. *I do believe something very magical can happen when you read a good book.* -J.K. Rowling. **Reading every day is essential.** Please discuss characters, themes, plots and ask for your child's opinions on the books they are reading; this will help with their success in English. Recording this information in their homework diary is extremely useful evidence of their reading.
5. Swimming will be on a Monday afternoon every week. Please ensure that children's swimming kits are in school. Year 5 will also have sports coaches on a Thursday afternoon so full PE kit needs to be in school all week.
6. Children will be given a list of spellings each week on a Friday. These will be tested the following Friday. Please keep a check of these regularly. A useful way to practise spellings is to include them in interesting or funny sentences.

I am looking forward to getting to know your children more and help them to achieve their highest potential.

Strong home-school links are key to ensure that your children succeed and gain the best support from both school and home, so if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to get in touch so we can discuss them further.

Miss Cotter

Key dates:

17th September: Whole School Welcome Mass 9am

16th October: Year 5 assembly 9am

16th October: De Paul sleep out

22nd October: Whole school Harvest Mass 2pm

19th November: Yr 5 Class Mass 9am

3rd December: BRW Advent Celebration 7pm

15th December: Academy concert

17th December: Whole school mass

Keep up to day with our
creations by visiting our
blog at www.brwacadamy.com

DARE programme:

This term, the children will be taking part in the DARE programme. The Drug Abuse Resistance Education course will encourage the children to develop their life skills, become responsible citizens and have a healthy lifestyle. It will increase their awareness of drugs and how to have a responsible attitude towards them. The course will be joint led by Officer Tristram and myself. If you have any queries about the programme, please feel free to contact me.

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