

Welcome Back Year 2

Spring Newsletter January 2018

Fire! Fire!

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 one which captures the children's interests!

The children have already made some tremendous progress in the Autumn Term 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 exciting learning opportunities throughout the term— both in the classroom and in our locality. I hope they are ready for the challenges which await them!

How did London change following the Great Fire of 1666?

As a school we are reveling in having the chance to Dig, Discover, Make & Master this year! We will be continuing to develop these skills this term but our focus in class (following heated discussions with the children!) will be discovering more about the Great Fire of 1666! We will be reading the story of Toby and the Great Fire in class and using the story and to inspire our writing.

We will also have the opportunity to get first hand experience of artefacts from the 17th century and investigate the causes and affects of the fire itself. In Geography we will be looking at the capital cities of the UK, including the home of the Great Fire, London. We will then be comparing it with other capitals and learning more about the difference between urban and rural landscapes.

Our scientific investigations will also be inspired by this period in history. We will learn more about materials and their properties as we investigate how houses in 1666 were built...and burned! We will also be learning more about the seasons. We will also be considering the impact that the seasons had upon the outcome of the fire.

In Mathematics we will be working hard to develop our knowledge and recall of multiplication, addition and subtraction facts. We will be using these on a weekly basis to develop our problem solving skills and we will have chance to showcase them during the school's celebration of NSPCC Number Day later in the term.

In RE the children will be working alongside Miss Ferrara. We will be learning about special books, the Bible and the stories of the explorers in 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 Year 2 will be learning about the Jewish celebration of the Shabbat. In Art we will be taking a journey from sketch to sculpture as we use fire itself to inspire our investigation of form and line. In Design and Technology we will be creating free-standing structures to build the city of London itself. In Music we will learn to sing in rounds as we perfect songs from the time such as 'London's Burning'.

We will make the most of our Forest School sessions by developing our understanding of tools and knots. We will use our time in the forest to engage in imaginative play and develop our turn-taking and listening skills. When we are in the Computing Lab, we will be developing our word processing and keyboard skills to write about Charles I using Power Point. We will also be starting to code as we use Run Marko Run in context of escaping the Great Fire itself! We will be swimming in the second half of term and developing our balance in gymnastic this half term.



Dates for your diary....

Back to School	8/1
Whole School Mass	11/1
Year 2 Assembly	25/1
Key Stage 1 Talent Show	27/1
Key Stage 2 Talent	27/1
INSET Day	16/2
Y2 Re-Start Swimming	26/2
Parents Consultations 4pm-7pm	13/3
Parents Consultations 1.15pm-4pm	14/3
Sport Relief	23/3
End of Spring Term	29/3

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 Tuesday. 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! By the end of the year they should be able to count in and recall multiplication and division facts for the 2, 3, 5 and 10 x tables.
- 3) Encourage your children to read at home and ask them questions about what they are reading. Use reading targets to help.
- 4) Ensure children are wearing the correct uniform, have full PE kit and are on time for school.

All your support makes such an enormous difference!

Mrs Henderson



BRW Blogging!

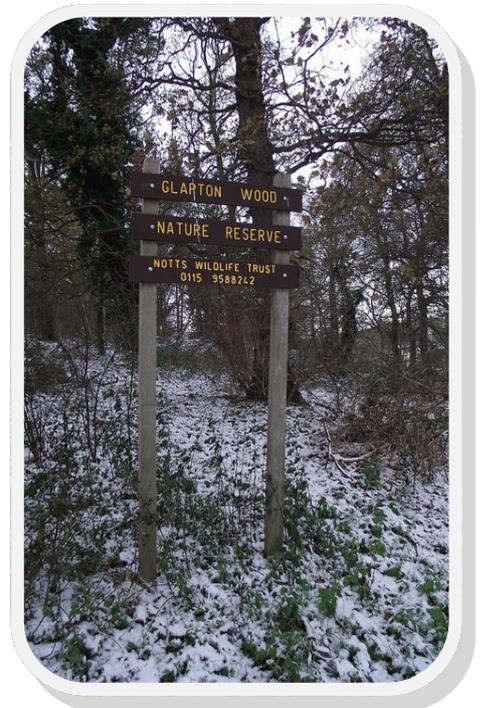
Blessed Robert Widmerpool has been online now for some time and the children have had chance in class to access the website themselves. Many children in the school are already blogging! If you are interested in finding out what happens in class, please log on to...

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.

We are looking for volunteers to support with the sessions. Please let me know if you are happy to help.



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

