

Welcome Back Y2!

Summer Newsletter 2018

Year 2 continue on their journey...

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE



STORY AND PICTURES BY MAURICE SENDAK

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 to Dig, Discover, Make and Master! So far we have been digging deep to discover more about the history of ourselves, our own school and about the Great Fire of London. This term we will be learning more about animals and plants in our own locality in our topic, Where Do the Wild Things Live?

Where are the Wild Things?

From the outset of the term we will be learning more about common British plants and animals. We will use the book 'Where the Wild Things Are' as inspiration for acting and drama. This will then lead into us writing our own stories. We also look at the story structure and distinctive style of Roald Dahl as we investigate the celebrated story Fantastic Mr Fox! We will explore the text and get to grips with the wonderful vocabulary used to bring this story of an extraordinary wild animal to life! We will also be reading a range of non-fiction texts focused on gardening, plants and local animals. Furthermore, we will have the opportunity to practise writing recounts in the first person following our overnight sleep-out at school! Our mathematics lessons will also be inspired by the animals and plants around us. We will develop our understanding of measure as we cultivate our own crops and we will use pictograms and graphs to record our observations.

In Science we will be learning about the local flora and fauna. We will be investigating plants in our school grounds and making comparisons with plants further afield in Glapton Woods during Forest School session. Our Geography sessions will focus on the man made and natural features of locality. We will craft our own maps and compare the school grounds here in Clifton with one in Bunkpurugu. 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 grow and live our lives in Jesus' footsteps in our topics Treasures, Rules and Serving. Miss Ferrara will also be sharing her experiences of how faith shapes lives for children in Africa following her visit to Bunkpurugu in June.

In our Art, Design & Technology sessions we will be learning about texture. through. Miss Ferrara will be helping the children learn more about how to represent the textures of common British animals and plants in both material and clay.

Year 2 swimming sessions will start again, every Wednesday, from the second half of term. In outdoor games we will be developing our athletics skills in preparation for Sports Day. KS1 Sports Day itself will give the children the opportunity to show off their new skills! All are welcome to come and cheer.

Dates for your diary...

Y2 Takeover 19/4
Sleepover

Y2 Assembly 26/4

KS1 21/5
Assessment
Week

KS1 Film Night 23/5

KS1 Sports 24/5
Day

Half Term 25/5

Whole School 5/6
Swimming Gala

Year 2 6/6
Swimming
starts again

Mass of St 29/6
Peter & Paul in
Church





Reminder: Swimming will take place each Wednesday after half term. Outdoor PE will take place each Friday.

Year 2 End of Key Stage Assessments

I have had many parents come to me already this term asking how best to support their children as they approach their end of year assessments 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 Tuesday.

- **Regularly revisit number facts** with children—this really does make an incredible difference! Practice totaling three dice, adding money, counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, doubling and halving to 20. All ways to develop keen mathletes! Mathletics and Times Tables Rocks Starts is also still available to all our children- let me know if you need the password again.

- **Encourage your children to read at home** and ask them questions about what characters say and do.

- Ensure children are wearing the correct uniform, have full PE kit and are on time for school. Children are welcome from 8.45am.

Year 2 Takeover-Sleepover

This term the children will be having the opportunity to takeover BRW for one night only! The children are invited to stay overnight in school on Thursday 19th April 2018. During the course of the evening the children will have chance to develop their team work, independence and cooperation skills.

There will also be time to a campfire, carpet picnic and bedtime story. The children will be performing an assembly all about their adventures at the sleepover on Thursday 26th April at 9am. All

are welcome.

Thank you,
Mrs Henderson

