

Autumn Term 2018

Diary Dates

- Whole School Harvest Mass
Thursday 25th September
9am
- Half Term Week
Commencing Monday
29th October
- Foundation Stage Activity
Day - more details nearer
the time
- Teddy Bears Hospital Visit—
Wednesday 21st
November
- F51 Christmas Celebration
Friday 14th December
2.45pm
- F52 Christmas Celebration
Thursday 13th December
2.45pm
- Whole School Carols Around
The Tree—Wednesday
19th December 5.30pm
- Whole School Advent Mass
Thursday 20th December
9am

Other Information

- We ask for a contribution of £2 per term per child to cover the cost of items such as cooking ingredients and gardening resources. Please bring this in ASAP in an envelope with your child's name on it.
- P.E is every Monday. Please ensure your child always has correct kit in school.
- Library books are changed every Thursday.

Foundation Stage Autumn Term 2018



Miss Chapman, Mrs Lambert and all of the staff in the Foundation Stage offer a very warm welcome to our new children starting this term and of course, a warm welcome back to our existing children. The new mantra across all of BRW is

This Year, I WILL...

Within Foundation Stage **we will** focus on:

taking turns

making choices

becoming independent

within which, this term, we will be focusing our learning around the topic:

HOP A LITTLE, JUMP A LITTLE

where we will enjoy leading a healthy and active lifestyle together by going for a swimming session at Clifton Leisure Centre, taking part in a dance session with Mrs Bathgate in school and enjoying a visit from the Teddy Bears Hospital in the second half term where we will learn about why it is so important to lead a healthy and active life.

We will also be making sure our minds are kept healthy by taking part in some Cosmic Kids Yoga Sessions and learning how to focus our thoughts through movement and mindfulness techniques.



Our role play areas will take on the forms of a hospital (to help children learn how to look after their body) and a gym (to encourage children to enjoy being active and keep their body fit and strong).



If you, or anyone you know, works in a hospital or doctors' surgery, we would love you to visit us and tell us all about what happens there! Please speak to Miss Chapman or Mrs Lambert if you are able to help.

Our R.E learning will, as always, be woven tightly through every area of learning where we will be thinking about:

- How God knows and loves each one of us.
- That Baptism is a welcome into God's Family.
- How people prepare for and celebrate Jesus' birthday.

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YOU
special

THIS TERM WE WILL ALSO BE:

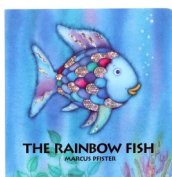
- Tinkering with tools at our woodwork area every Friday—developing fine motor and design skills whilst keeping ourselves and others safe.
- Using fine line pens to create self-portraits—focusing on shape and form as we carefully notice and draw our features.
- Creating a special Christmas gift for you using clay.
- Exploring a day in the life of a child in Bunkpurugu as part of our whole school Building Hope Project.



And, of course, every day we will be improving our speaking and listening, reading, writing and maths skills!



We will share stories by the best children's authors—please read them at home as well so that your child can practise and show-off their learning. They are:

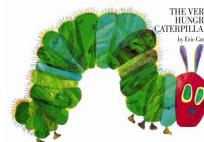


The Gruffalo— Julia Donaldson

The Very Hungry Caterpillar—Eric Carle

The Rainbow Fish—Marcus Pfister

A Day With Musa—Cafod Website



As usual, Forest School sessions at Glapton Wood led by both Miss Chapman and Mrs Lambert will continue to run for all FS2 children and for the older children in FS1 this term. The younger children in FS1 will join in later during the year once they are settled within the Unit.

Forest Schools is a unique and powerful opportunity for children to develop their relationships, resourcefulness, resilience and their ability to reflect in an outdoor, open-ended environment.

Helping at Home: Numbers

We know the children at this school are supported brilliantly at home and if you would like to help with your child's number learning, here are some tips and ideas:

- Be confident, whatever your own experiences, all children are confident, capable learners and we always encourage them to see themselves as clever mathematicians who can do numbers at school.
- Don't rush on too quickly. Concentrate on numbers to 5 or 10 and deepen their understanding in lots of different ways.

Ideas:

- Cook together, using scales, counting out quantities, talking about time.
- Use playdough with chocolate boxes—how many more spaces? How many can we each 'eat'?
 - Create a role-play shop, use an old phone, make price tags and pretend money.
 - Set the table—Do we have enough forks for everybody?
 - Play dice or domino games, counting out the dots and moving the same number of spaces.
- CBeebies have lots of good ideas, follow this link: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/help-yourchild-with-maths>
- Top Marks also help to explain what your child needs to understand, follow this link: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/parents/learning-numbers-through-play>.
- **Exciting News!** If you are interested in learning about more ways to support your child with their maths skills, we are offering a 6 week, free Family Learning Course for parents and carers commencing every Friday morning in school from 21st September. Please ask Miss Chapman for more information.

Please come and talk to us about any questions you may have. We look forward to this busy and exciting term!



We will continue to keep you informed by sending out weekly updates, but will also use the school blog: <http://brwacademy.com> to share and celebrate the children's