

# Foundation Stage Autumn Term 2020



Miss Chapman, Miss Matthews 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. This year, with all the changes and challenges we have had to face, we are reminding you that **BRW's spirit is strong.**

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### Diary Dates

- Whole School Harvest Mass  
8th October
- Half Term **Fortnight**  
Commencing Monday,  
19th October
- FS2 Christmas Celebration  
10th December 2.45pm
- FS1 Christmas Celebration  
11th December 9.15am

### Other Information

- We ask for a contribution of £2 per term per child to cover the cost of cooking or gardening. 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.
- Reading books are changed every Monday and Friday.



The children in FS will have many opportunities to show how incredible they are, as we explore our Autumn Term Topic of:

## MARVELLOUS ME - BRAVE AND STRONG!



Initially, we will be ensuring all the children have time to settle in and feel secure in their surroundings. Then, we will be painting self-portraits to create a 'Marvellous Me' display, finding out more about ourselves and others by exploring 'Where I've come from' (we'll be asking for your help here) and embedding that crucial attitude of a love for reading by sharing the children's favourite stories from home (again, we'll need your help with this one). We will be thinking about healthy eating whilst solving mathematical problems centered on our snack time and leading a healthy and active life whilst doing PE, yoga, dancing in the dough disco and taking part in music and movement sessions.

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.**



In addition, the children will learn about Judaism, comparing it to their own faith and about Hinduism through the celebration of Diwali, in November.

Our role play areas will change from Hospital to Bedroom to Church to Artist's Studio (inspired by Jackson Pollock's splatter paintings) and later Santa's Workshop and a Nativity scene.



**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 chil-**

We will sharing 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**

**The Train Ride—June Crebbin**



As usual, Forest School sessions at Glapton Wood led by both Miss Chapman and Miss Matthews 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.

**You will receive a letter when it is your child’s turn to go, please make a note of the dates** that they will need to come to school prepared and in their own clothes.

**Please come and talk to us about any questions you may have.**

## 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: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/help-your-child-with-maths>