

Foundation Stage Autumn Term 2021



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Diary Dates

- Welcome Mass 23rd September
- Harvest Mass 7th October
- Parent Consultations (FS2)
13th and 14th October
- Half Term **Fortnight**
Commencing Monday,
18th October
- Stay and Play Day (FS1)
5th November
- FS2 Christmas Celebration
9th December 2.45pm
- FS1 Christmas Celebration
10th December 9.15am
- Advent Mass 16th December

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 FS2 child always has correct kit in school.
- Library books are changed every Thursday.
- Reading books are collected every Wednesday and new ones sent out on Friday.



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.

Throughout last year and, of course, continuing this year, BRW's spirit remains so strong.

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



We are going to have a very strong focus on themselves and their relationships with others:

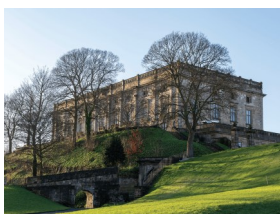
- * **knowing that we are all unique, but we all have similarities**
- * **being able to identify feelings and emotions and learning how to deal with them**
- * **being able to say sorry and know that they can forgive and be forgiven.**

Activities will include learning poems, singing, sharing stories, looking in mirrors, making fingerprints, drawing self-portraits, creating faces from playdough, games where things must be shared fairly and creating a celebration display of all the kind and good behavior we have noticed. This leads, perfectly, on to our RE learning, during which we will be thinking about:



- **How God knows and loves each one of us.**
- **Baptism being 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

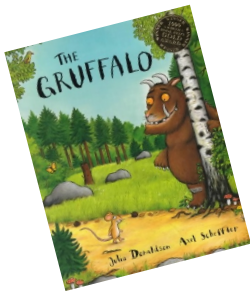


We are arranging a visit to Nottingham Castle in November to look at the portraits and other works of art. There will also be some adventures with Robin Hood!

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 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

We're going on a Bear Hunt—Michael Rosen

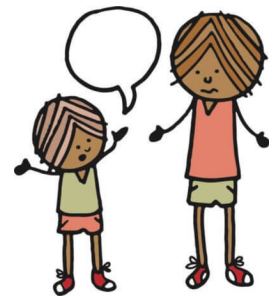
Our role play areas will change from Hospital to Church to Smoothie Bar (healthy eating) to Hairdressers and later to a Nativity scene.



We are very excited to share the news that, this year, we will be introducing children to **The Poetry Basket**. Over the year, they will learn the words and actions to about **thirty different poems** which they will be able to perform to you at home. We will be sending out a booklet containing all the poems and will let you know, via the weekly update, each time we introduce a new one. Learning these poems will increase your child's vocabulary, their confidence to express their language and, of course, they are lots of fun too! Please encourage your child to share the poems with you. And for more ways to increase your child's ability to talk and listen, see below.

Helping at Home: Communication

- Play a treasure hunt game—listening to instructions to help find the next “clue”.
- Share a story, asking why something has happened or what might happen next or using different voices.
- Play “I spy”.
- Bake cakes or garden together, talking about what you find.
- Find other ideas here: <https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/4-to-5-year-old-child-development-activities> — lots of ideas, including What's in my shopping bag and Making tidying up fun— we all want to do that!



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