

# Foundation Stage Spring Term 2022



## Contribution

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.

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 continues to be strong.**



We are very excited to announce that our new topic is

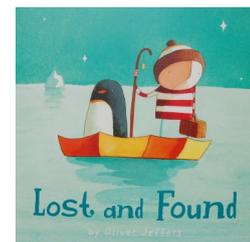
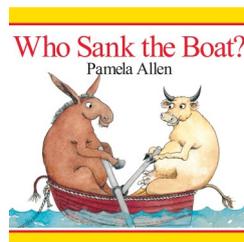
## I am a Curious Communicator!

Our key texts for the term are 'Who Sank the Boat,' and 'Lost and Found,' We will also be sharing lots of other stories linked to water, encouraging questions to find out more, as well as reading information books.

## Spring Term 2022 Diary

### Dates

- Friday 11th February—INSET DAY
- Half Term Week : Commencing Monday, 14th February
- End of Term: Friday 1st April



## Other Information

- FS2 Children should bring their PE kits into school and then leave them on their peg until half-term. .
- FS2 Reading and sharing books are to be brought into school every Monday and Friday.
- FS1 sharing books are to be brought into school every Thursday.

We will continue to use the Poetry Basket to learn up to 8 new poems. These will be sent home at the start of the term, with reminders on our Weekly Updates, for you to share with your child.

To support our topic we will be exploring water; investigating things that float and sink and making boats for characters in the story. We will also be comparing places with our own environment. Throughout our topic we will be encouraging children to ask lots of questions, enabling them to be 'curious communicators!'

We are arranging a trip to Manor Farm later in the term where we will explore a different environment, learn about different animals and even enjoy some time on a pirate ship!



As always, our Come and See topics will be woven tightly into every area of learning as children learn to recognise the stories of the Epiphany, of Mary and Joseph taking Jesus to the temple, Jesus with the children and, of course, Good Friday and Easter Sunday as religious stories they know and love. They will also find out more about how the Parish gathers in the church to celebrate together.

## How you can help support our topic.....

Please read these stories:

Who Sank the Boat <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZpFWuHSDfTQ>

Loat and Found <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xNgh3Q58QoI>

The Owl and the Pussycat <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nLOJBmK2G7k>



We will continue to keep you informed by sending out weekly updates via e-mail, but will also use the school blog: <http://brwacademy.com> to share and celebrate the children's work. Please come and talk to us about any questions you may have.

We hope that Forest School sessions at Glapton Wood will be able to go ahead and will let you know of the dates your child will be involved.



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: Activity ideas to try

**Share a story or poem together** encourage your child to ask questions about what is being read and encourage them to make predictions about the story, including how the characters feel. Share and explain any new words with your child

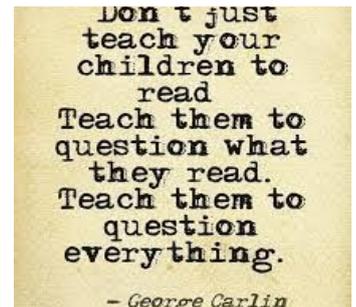
**Go for a walk** - take a walk outside and allow children to explore the world around them. Get them thinking about what they can see and where things have come from.

**Explore water** find and sort natural objects that float and sink

**Play games** such as 'Guess who,' 'Who am I?' or '20 questions.' This will support your child's questioning and understanding skills .

**Be scientific** use the website below to try some nice science experiments at home linked to floating and sinking.

<https://www.science-sparks.com/sinking-and-floating/>



### Top tips to support your child in becoming curious communicator:

- Wonder aloud
- Spend time together as a family
- Ask open ended questions
- Prompt their thinking
- Show them the "world!"