

Foundation Stage Spring Term 2023



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. Thank you.

Diary Dates

- Talent Show Auditions—19th/20th January and Talent Show on 3rd February
- Half Term Week : Monday, 13th February
- World Book Day—2nd March
- FS2 Parent Consultations—22nd March 3.30-7.00pm and 23rd March 1.30-4.00pm
- FS1 Stay and Play Sessions 24th March 9-11am and 12.30-1.30pm
- End of Term: Friday, 31st March

Other Information

- FS2 Children should bring their PE kits into school and then leave them on their peg until half-term. .
- FS2 Reading books are changed every Monday. FS1 Library books are changed every Thursday.



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. Our topic this term is :

BE BRAVE
BE STRONG
BE YOU

We will be celebrating the talents of all the children, gathering together to combine these talents and growing closer to Jesus by recognising kindness in ourselves and others. Activities that the children will share will be learning about the artist Dan Mather and how to print to create art work (see right); investigating parties past and present; (linked to the story of Cinderella and our dance sessions with Mrs Bathgate) exploring which materials float or sink; visiting our church and noticing the special places in there and learning how to keep themselves safe by reminding children that 'Pants are Private' as well as who they can go to for help.



As always, our Come and See topics will be woven tightly into every area of learning as children learn to recognise the stories of 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.

Our role play areas will include a hairdressers and a photo-booth—well, you have to look good for all these celebrations!



Visit

We will be going on a visit to Rushcliffe Country Park, to learn about things that are growing and changing.



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



Please read these traditional stories:

Cinderella, The Three Little Pigs, Three Billy Goats' Gruff and The Owl and the Pussy Cat

Please share the poems from the Poetry Basket collection—we will let you know which one and which week via the weekly updates.



Talk about and share photographs at home when you enjoyed family celebrations together.

Use bricks or junk box modelling to bring the stories to life e.g. Make a palace for Cinderella; a strong house for a Little Pig; a bridge for the Goats to cross or a boat for the Owl and Pussy Cat to share.

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

Forest School sessions at Glapton Wood will be going 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: Communication

Ideas for playing and talking with your children:

Play a treasure hunt game—listening to instructions to help find the next “clue”.

Share a story, asking why something has happened, what might happen next or using different voices.

Bake cakes or garden together, talking about what you find.

Find other ideas here: <https://ungrylittleminds.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!

Talk to your children

before they go to bed. Remind them how precious they are. Tell them how much they are loved. Kiss them good night every night. Children grow faster than you think. Make sure you are part of their life today because tomorrow may be too late.

Distractions

like cell phones, social media, TV and others are preventing parents from spending quality time with their children. Do not let that happen to you. Build strong relationships of trust with your children while they are still with you.

Speak to your children as if they are the wisest, kindest, most beautiful and magical humans on the Earth, for what they believe is what they will become!
Brooke Hampton