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JOSHUA 1:9 YOU ARE NEVER ALONE

Welcome Back Year 4

Our Generation!

Spring Newsletter January 2023

Firstly, I'd like to say a warm welcome back (and Happy New Year!) to all of Year 4 and their parents. I am thoroughly looking forward to this term and it is already looking like it will be one which captures the children's interests!

The children have clearly worked incredibly hard in the Autumn term, and we will be continuing to work to showcase our amazing capabilities. We will also have time for lots of fun along the way! The children will be given many exciting learning opportunities throughout the term— both in the classroom and further afield. I hope they are ready for the challenges that await them!

How can a generation impact on our world?

As a school we are focusing on this year being our time to stand firm in the faith! Our topic this term is about how we, as humans, can both positively and negatively impact upon our world! We will be learning about the Amazon basin in **Geography**, the rainforests of South America and the life that is found there. We will be carrying on our lines of historical enquiry by learning about the Bronze and Iron Ages, plotting these times on our own human timelines and learning more about the changes seen between these periods. In **History** we will be journeying back in time as we visit (virtually!) the early settlements of Danebury and Maiden Castle, hoping to discover more about life at these times. In support of this, we will be reading the stories of *The Iron Man* and *Varjak Paw* in class and we will be using them to inspire our writing.

In **RE** the children will be learning about the experience and joy of Community; the thought and appreciation linked to Giving & Receiving and the importance of Self-Discipline, especially during Lent. We will also be celebrating the events in the lead up to and during Holy Week as the term progresses. Our **scientific** investigations will be related to sound and will be investigating the ways in which we can make sounds to be heard, and even those that are inaudible to humans! In **Mathematics** we will be working hard to develop our strategies of multiplication and division, which the children have already made a super start on. We will be improving our knowledge and recall of our multiplications facts up to the 12 x table and we will be using Times Tables Rocks Stars on a weekly basis to hone these skills. Numbots is also available for the children to use at home. It is expected that they are taking part in around 10 minutes per evening to help develop their mental recall of number facts.

In **Art**, we will be journeying to the Amazon rainforest for inspiration as we focus on the topic of printing. In **Design and Technology**, we will be developing our sewing skills to create rainforest scenes as a class. During **PE** we will be learning the skills to play basketball. When we are in the **Computer Lab**, we will be learning about writing computer programs. We will also be using our time in the lab to craft a timeline about the changes in history from the Stone to Iron age!

Dates for your diary....

3 Back to School	3/1
Mass of the Epiphany	6/1
School Photos (Individual & sibling)	9/1
Last day before half term	9/2
Talent Show Auditions	19-20/1
KS2 Talent Show	2/2
KS1 Talent Show	3/2
Inset Day	10/2
Back to School	20/2
Parent Consultations 4pm—7pm	22/3
Parent Consultations 1.30pm— 3.30pm	23/3
Entry into Jerusalem 2.30pm	28/3
End of Spring Term	31/3





Notice: PE kit will still be needed in school all week from Monday—
Friday. Signed diaries and homework are collected each Monday.

It has been an absolute pleasure to get to know your children over the last few days and I feel lucky to be able to take the class into the next part of Year 4. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to catch me at the end of the day or let the office know and I shall be happy to speak with you at your convenience. As a parent myself, I know that we are always curious as to how best to support our children, and especially how to do this with us here at BRW. As a result, here are a few key things that can prove invaluable in supporting your child.

- 1) Check homework newsletters which go out each Monday. This will have up-to-date information on the children's activities too.
- 2) Regular use of Times Tables Rocks Stars, Numbots and Division, addition and subtraction Mathematics will help the children master recall of their multiplication facts up to 12x12 by the end of Year 4. The expectation is for them to play for 10 minutes per day.
- 3) Encourage your children to read at home daily and ask them questions about what they are reading. Reading aloud is great, talking about the book together really helps develop children understanding of the story and vocabulary.
- 4) Ensure children are wearing the correct uniform, have full PE kit and are on time for school.
- 5) Spellings are in your child's homework diary and will be tested on a Thursday afternoon. Whilst in the same lesson, they will be introduced to the new spellings and will practice these using their best handwriting.



All your support makes such an enormous difference!

Mrs Joels

BRW Blogging!

Blessed Robert Widmerpool has been online now for some time and the children have had chance in class to access the website themselves. Weekly homework and spellings is also there in case you need them.

If you are interested in finding out what happens in class, please log on to...

BRWacademy.com

