

# Year 3 Newsletter

## Our Generation!

...How can a generation impact our world?



### Dates for your diary

4th Jan Back to school

6th Jan 2pm Mass of the Epiphany

9th Class Photos

19/20th Jan Talent Show Auditions

2nd Feb, 1.30pm: KS2 Talent Show TBC

6th Feb Mental Health Week

10th Feb INSET day

13th –19th Feb Half-term

22nd Feb Ash Wednesday Mass at Church

22nd March Parent's Consultations 4.00-7.00

23rd March Parent's Consultations 1:30-3.30pm

3rd April Easter Break

17th April Back to school

18th Y3 Resurrection Liturgy 2:30pm

Happy New Year and Welcome back to our Spring Term 2023

I hope you all had a wonderful and peaceful Christmas and are all ready and eager to get back to another exciting term full of learning and adventure in our new topic 'Generation' and how a generation can have an impact on our Earth!

We will be continuing to stand firm in our faith and at the heart of our learning this term will be the **Sacrament of the Eucharist**.

Our journey in faith will be developed with the themes of **Journeys and Listening and Sharing in RE**. The children will learn about the journey and sacrifice that Jesus made as they deepen their knowledge of the Eucharist and the events of Holy Week during the theme of **Giving All**.

Come and See Topics this term:

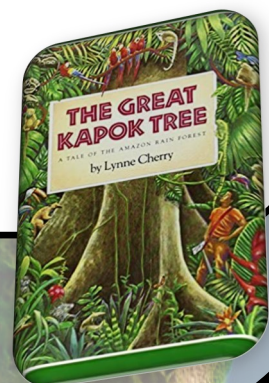
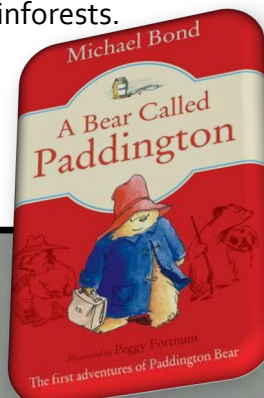
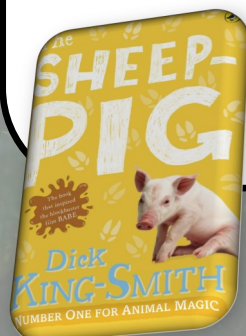


Journeys

Listening & Sharing

Giving All

We will be examining and analysing many different types of texts in **English**, and using good models of writing to inspire us to create our own. We will read factual books, fictional stories and poetry. We will extend our vocabulary and increase our fluency in reading through our Whole Class Reads 'The Sheep-Pig' and Paddington. The Great Kapok Tree will stimulate discussion and debate as well as fire our imaginations and creativity to aid our understanding of Climate Change and its impact on the Rainforests.



In **Maths** we will be linking our **Science** work on **Sound** which will involve some measuring, data and investigation. We will continue to master multiplication, division, addition and subtraction. We'll also be tackling measurement, shape and fractions!

Through **History and Geography** we will deepen our understanding of timelines and changes in Britain, through to the Iron Age. We will pose questions and follow lines of enquiry using a range of historical sources. In Geography we'll learn about The Amazon basin, the rainforests of South America and the life that is found there, plus how climate change is impacting on this valuable resource.

**Mrs Head** will be teaching in Year 3 on Fridays. She will teach **Art** where we will look at producing textile prints inspired by South America and the Rainforests with a focus on the Textiles artist Linda Calverley. After half-term, the **Design and Technology** focus will be Textiles with a sewing focus.

This term we will continue our **French** lessons learning about 'Food, glorious food' and 'Family and Friends'. In **P.E.** we will begin Dance lessons with Mrs Bathgate, learning a routine linked to our class read 'A Bear called Paddington'. After half-term the class will also participate in Gymnastics on a Wednesday.

In **Music**, we will be learning about and using percussion instruments with Ms Horner and Mr Jones. Whilst in the **Computer Lab**, we will be learning about programming, software, search engines and be introduced to Coding using 'Scratch'.

#### How you can help

Reading, spellings and maths homework will continue to be set every week. Multiplication facts and number bonds should be practiced regularly on TTRS and Numbots. There could also be follow-up research in other areas if appropriate, a letter goes out every Thursday detailing home-work Information, which is stuck in HW diaries. This needs to be signed to say you have seen it and will support your child to complete it to the best of their ability. Encourage your child to read daily and just as importantly, explain what they understand from the text. This too should be signed by an adult. After every 'Whole Class Read' our Five new words are sent home as 'Fridge Words' to stick up and encourage your child to use in sentences to broaden their vocabulary.

Please make sure your child has their **P.E. kit** (black shorts, white tee-shirt and trainers or plimsolls) in school on **Mondays**. PE kit should stay in school all week and only go home on a Friday to be washed.

Your child also needs a **painting apron/old shirt** in school to protect their uniform during art lessons. This should also remain on their in their bag all week.

As Science Leader, I'm always looking out for parents with jobs or hobbies that would inspire our children. Perhaps you're a brilliant baker, a candle-maker or electrician or anything remotely connected to Science I'd be delighted to hear from you!

We have a fantastic inspiring term to look forward to! Please check the Year 3 Web page at [brwacademy.com](http://brwacademy.com) for updates & recommended websites. If you have any queries please feel free to ask. Thank you for your continued support, I can't wait to see what this term holds!

*Mrs Byrne*