

### 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.

### Summer Term 2023

#### Diary Dates

- Monday 1st May—Bank Holiday
- Monday 8th May - Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 16th May—FS Sports day. Time TBC
- Wednesday 24th May—FS/ KS1 disco
- INSET DAY—Friday 26th May
- Half Term Week : Commencing Monday, 29th May
- Monday, 5th June—Class Photos
- Tuesday 6th June—Pirate Day! More details to follow
- Friday 16th June—EYFS Mass in Church. 9:30am
- End of Term: Tuesday 25th July

BE BRAVE  
BE STRONG  
BE YOU

# Foundation Stage Summer Term 2023



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.

We have been learning how to 'Be our best selves' - working on showing good sitting and listening during group times, tracking the speaker and nodding to show we are listening—ready to answer some questions.



We are very excited to announce that our new topic is the **Globe Trotters!**



During this term, we will focus on dinosaurs and pirates! We will be reading different fiction and non-fiction stories linked to these topics, making up our own stories and poems; creating artwork inspired by Andy Goldsworthy; using our mathematical knowledge to solve problems in the Explorers Café and Pirate Gift shop; creating our own resources to develop our role play; investigating ice balloons; and learning about events that have happened in the past.

We will also spend some time during the first half of the Summer term to learn about the King's Coronation—ending with a Foundation Stage tea party to celebrate this occasion.



*You will need to be 'brave, strong and you to find out about these amazing topics this term!*

As always, our Come and See topics will be woven tightly into every area of learning. We will be thinking about:

**Good News**—knowing that the Pentecost is when Jesus sent the Holy Spirit.

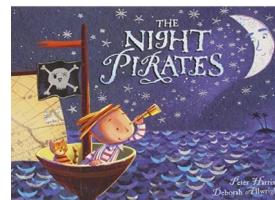
**Friends**—knowing and understanding how we make friends and what Jesus tells us about friendships.

**Our World**—recognising that the world we live in is a special place and that we need to look after it



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

Please read these stories:



Ten Little Dinosaurs: [10 Little Dinosaurs Animated Book | Caper Corner Story Time - YouTube](#)

The Night Pirates: [The Night Pirates - YouTube](#)

Use the following websites to find out about dinosaurs and pirates, have a go at creating different activities and play different games

[Fossils and Dinosaurs \(lgfl.org.uk\)](http://lgfl.org.uk)

[20+ Pirate Activities for Kids - Taming Little Monsters](#)

[Play Swashbuckle The Great Pirate Games game on CBeebies. - CBeebies - BBC](#)

Find out about dinosaurs and pirates in non-fiction books or on the internet. Your child could create some artwork or write some information to share in school.

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 we 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: Handwriting

Writing is so much more important than letter formation. Pre-writing (mark making) is just as important as it gets the muscles working in the hands with drawing, colouring etc before moving on to writing letters. The following video has some information and ideas to support your child's writing development,



[Learning to Write | Early Writing Activities - YouTube](#)

[21 Fun Handwriting Activities for Kids \(thekindergartenconnection.com\)](http://thekindergartenconnection.com)

For FS2 children, all of the above are important but we are also working on controlling letter size and formation. Lots of practising to keep letters sitting on lines (using ascenders and descenders), and using a comfortable pincer grip. The half-termly Phonics sheets will support their handwriting.

