

I AM WHO I AM

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BRW SPIRIT STRONG



Year 3 Autumn Newsletter 2023

WELCOME BACK!

I hope you've all had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to life in Year 3 and Key Stage Two! Our school theme, 'I am who I am,' is inspired by a quote from 'Exodus (3:14)' where God spoke to say he is present in our lives eternally. This year we are going to continue our BRW Spirit Strong theme and as God's children, we too must be present in our own lives, recognising the richness and fullness in our world. We will share this with others this year in our mission, showing pride in who we are, where we come from and where we are going. I am who I am!

Come and See Topics this term:



Homes
Promises
Visitors

Our learning journey together will be an exciting, risk-taking, challenging but most of all, a fun one. We will learn from our marvellous mistakes together!

At the heart of our journey in our faith this term will be the 'Come and See' topics and their Big Questions **Homes** 'What makes a house a home?'

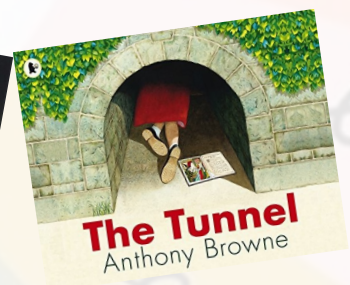
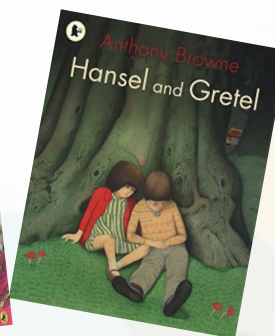
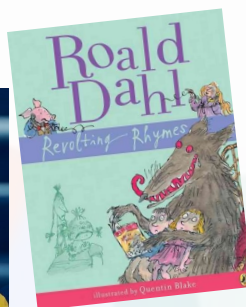
Promises 'Why make promises?' and **Visitors** 'Are visitors always welcome?' Our 'Other Faith' this term will be Judaism.

We start this Autumn term with our class topic 'Let there be Light! How can we let our light shine brightly?' We will use a range of high quality texts, information books, film and music to inspire and motivate us!



There is always light, if only we're brave enough to see it. If only we're brave enough to be it.

-Amanda Gorman



During our weekly Whole Class Reading sessions this term, we will be expanding our vocabulary and comprehension skills, using Roald Dahl's 'Revolt Rhymes' and Anthony Browne's picture book version of 'Hansel and Gretel' and 'Through the Tunnel'. We will be examining and analysing various texts in English, and using imaginative models of writing to inspire us to create our own. To help enhance our Speaking and Listening skills, we will participate in discussions, presentations, performances, role-play, improvisations and the occasional heated debate.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 12th Sept: STEM Visitor

Thursday 21st Sept. 2pm Welcome Mass

Wednesday 4th Oct. 11am Francis of Assisi Mass at Corpus Christi Church

Tuesday 10th Oct. World Mental Health Day

Tuesday 17th Oct: Parents' Consultations 4.00pm–7.00pm

Wednesday 18th Oct: Parents' Consultations 1.30pm–3.30pm

Thursday 19th Oct: Whole School Harvest Mass 2.00pm

Half term October 23rd Oct–3rd Nov

INSET Day 6th November

Friday 24th Nov. World Youth Day

Thursday 14th Dec. Y3 Nativity Celebration 2:30pm

19th Dec: Christmas Jumper Day and Carols around the tree

Thursday 21st Dec. 2:00pm Advent Mass

Last Day of Term Friday 22nd Dec

Spring Term Thursday 4th January 2024

This term, we will focus on 'Place Value' and really mastering our knowledge of numbers. We will reinforce and extend our **Maths** through data collection, measuring and investigations! We are going to revise number bonds and multiplication facts in order to improve fluency!

Year 3 must know their 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, 8x and 10x by the end of the year. The children will be given reminders of their passwords for the websites Times Tables Rock Stars and Mathletics to support them in this area and will be expected to play regularly as part of their weekly homework tasks.

Through **History** we will deepen our understanding of timelines and changes in Britain, during the Anglo-Saxon period. We will pose questions and follow lines of enquiry using a range of historical sources. In **Geography** we'll learn about Settlements: What they are, where and why they are located in particular areas as well as recognising features of settlements. We plan to have a field trip to Clifton Village to further explore this.

This term we will begin our **French** lessons and build up a bank of simple words and phrases to introduce ourselves.

In **Science** we will be studying 'Electricity' and 'Light' so plenty of investigative work to be undertaken! This will form the basis of a **Design and Technology** project researching and making night-lights.

In **Music** we will be improving our performance skills and in **Computing** we will learn how to stay safe online and use programming skills to create work related to our topic. Through **P.E.** we will improve our 'Fitness' and learn basic 'Fundamentals' as well as aiming to do a 'K-a-day'. In **Art**, we will look at using pencil grades to draw facial expression and producing final pieces inspired by Anglo-Saxons patterns and textures. The focus artist this term will be the awe-inspiring Gustav Klimt.

How you can help

There will be Reading, Spellings and Maths homework **every** week. Please try to practice multiplication facts and number bonds daily. There could be follow-up research in other areas *if appropriate*, to support work covered in class.

Please check the weekly homework diary and encourage your child to complete the tasks set on time. Encourage your child to **read regularly** and discuss with them what they've read to check their understanding.

Please make sure your child has their **P.E. kit** (black shorts, white T-shirt and trainers or plimsolls) in school on **Mondays** and PE kit should stay in school all week and can be taken home for washing on Friday.

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

Please check the **Year 3 Web page** for updates and recommended websites. Links will be emailed. Blog address: brwacademy.com Twitter (X) : @BRWSchool and we also have a Facebook page!

If you have any spare time and feel you could offer some specialist skills to enhance our learning this term, maybe you have some woodwork skills, are an expert baker or would be able to chat to the children about your job. I'd love to hear from you! If you have any queries please feel free to ask. Thank you for your support, such exciting times ahead!

Mrs Byrne