



Welcome Back Year 2

Mrs Cook

Spring Term 2024

I would like to wish all of the parents and children of Year 2 a very Happy New Year. I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas holiday and are ready for an exciting and busy term.

RE is always at the heart of our learning. This term our RE topics are the following:

Books

We will learn about the books that are special to us and find out more about the Bible and its stories.

Thanksgiving

We will explore the different ways in which we say thank you. We will also learn about how our parish thanks God for Jesus and why the Eucharist is important to us.

Opportunities

We will learn that Lent is a time for us to take the opportunity to do good as we prepare ourselves for Easter.

Choose Courage Over Fear: How will your spirit shine this term?

'I Am Who I Am' continues to be our whole school theme this term. Our class theme is **'Choose Courage Over Fear: How will you let your spirit shine this term?'**

We will encourage the children to dream, dare, ask, achieve, believe, be adventurous, take risks, be curious and creative.

Year 2 imaginations will run wild as we learn about The Great Fire of London and the chain of events that led to the disaster.

During history lessons, we will find out who Samuel Pepys was and how people lived in 1666. We will become detectives as we investigate historical sources in order to answer our questions.

In geography, we will compare hot and cold places around the world. We will use atlases to identify where in the world these places are and compare them.

Our art skills will be developed as we learn about the artist Sakiri Douglas Camp. We will find out how her strong beliefs inspired her to create a range of sculptures. We will experiment with wire to create our own sculptures linked to the Great Fire of London.

We will take part in weekly PE lessons where we will learn a range of ball skills and athletics. All PE lessons will be outside so outdoor kits are essential.

In D&T we will learn about axels and create our own water carts. We will take inspiration from the water carts used to put out the Great Fire of



London. We will adapt and improve this design.

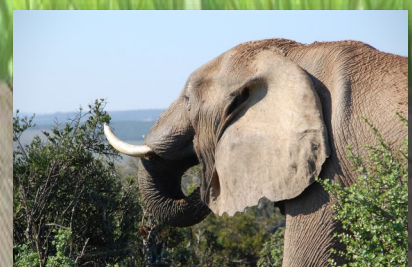
Our English lessons will be full of exciting opportunities as we explore the diary of **Samuel Pepys**. We will also be inspired by **Alice in Wonderland** and eco issues through our work on **'Michael Recycle.'**

During weekly computing sessions, we will learn how to stay safe online and begin to develop our word processing and typing skills.

Maths lessons will be packed full of daily problem solving and reasoning challenges linked to shape, multiplication, money, length and height, capacity and temperature.

Our science lessons will focus on humans including animals. We will find out about healthy diets, identify and classify animals and observe how they behave. We will develop this learning during a visit to Twycross Zoo.

This term is going to be packed full of adventures and lots of exciting opportunities and learning. We can't wait to get started!



Dates for your Diary:

Year 2 Assembly:

26th January 9:05am

KS2 Talent Show:

7th February 2pm

FS/KS1 Talent Show:

8th February 9:30am

Inset Day:

9th February

Half Term:

12th February -

16th February

Twycross Zoo:

12th March

Ash Wednesday

Mass:

14th March

Parent Consultations:

19th March

20th March

Last Supper Mass:

28th March 10am

Last Day of Term:

28th March

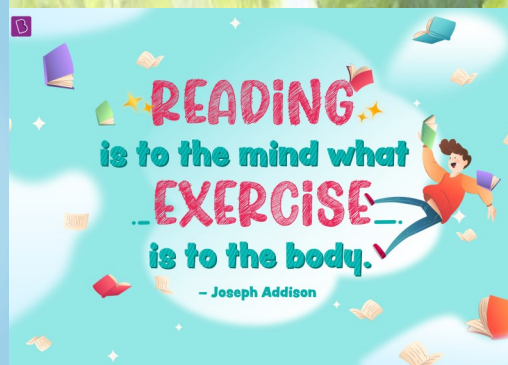
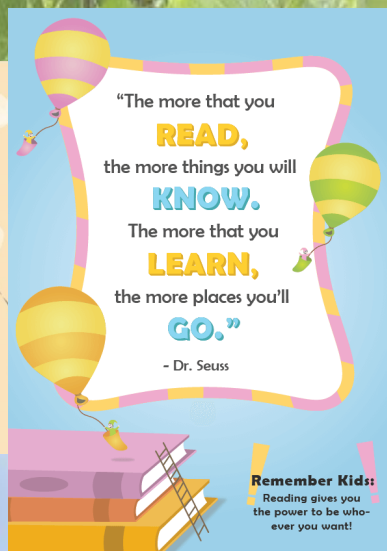
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There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island.

WALT DISNEY

Southern Living



Ways to help at Home!

PE: PE this term will be outside so please make sure your child has their full PE kit in school. It will be cold outside so your child can bring in jogging bottoms or leggings as well as their normal black shorts. They should also bring in sports hoodies or sweatshirts to wear over their white PE tops.

Earrings: due to health and safety reasons, earrings must be removed before all PE sessions. Please remove them before school if your child is not able to do this independently.

Reading: Please read every evening with your child. Sign your child's reading record in their diary so we can keep up to date with their successes at home.

Homework: Year 2 will continue to receive homework on a Thursday. Please check your child's homework sheet each week for more information. Maths Scrapbook homework will be sent home every other week. Please return scrapbooks as soon as you have completed the homework so that we can stick in the next task.

Spellings: Year 2 have their Spelling Quiz with Miss Newman on Thursday afternoons. Please remind your child to learn their spellings. This will help them when they are writing. Vocabulary knowledge is key to ensuring your child has strong reading comprehension and writing skills.

School Blog: An email update is sent whenever the Y2 Blog is updated. Please look at this with your child and celebrate the learning in Year 2. You can access the blog via our school website at www.brwacademy.com

And finally...if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to me either before or after the school day. Alternatively please see me to arrange an appointment at a convenient time.

I can't wait to start this busy and exciting term ahead!

Mrs Cook