



Summer Time!

Year 1: Miss Swaby

Summer Term

Welcome Back! I hope you have all had a wonderful break and are feeling refreshed and ready for a the new term ahead! RE is always at the heart of our learning. This term our RE topics are the following:

- **Holidays and Holy Days**

We will be focusing on key dates of importance in the liturgical calendar, understanding why these are important for Catholics and how we celebrate these days.

- **Saying Sorry**

We will be learning about the cycle of being truly sorry, asking for forgiveness and atoning.

- **Neighbours**

We will be learning about our wider parish communities around the world and our roles and responsibilities within the wider church community. We will focus on global issues affecting our wider community of faith.

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

Diary Dates:

Ascension Mass at
Corpus Christi: 9th May

Swimming 1: 16th April

Swimming 2: 23rd April

Swimming 3: 30th April

Swimming 4: 7th May

Sports Day: 22nd May

INSET Day: 24th May

Half term:

27th May - 2nd June

Class Photos: 6th June

Open Afternoon:

26th June

Family Picnic: 11th July

INSET Day: 5th July

End of Year Mass:

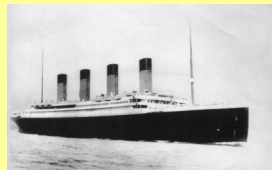
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Last Day of Term:

26th July

The whole school theme for this year continues to be 'I Am who I Am'. Our Class theme for this term is 'Choose Courage Over Fear: How will your spirit grow this term?'. Within this, we will be exploring how we can strengthen our faith and be a shining example to others.

In History, Year 1 will be focusing on the **Titanic**. We will become historians and focus on different sources to see what we can discover! We will learn about why the **Titanic** was so important and what life on board was like in different classes. We will then turn our attention to how the 'unsinkable' **Titanic** sank and why more people didn't survive the tragedy.



We will also be focusing on **Clifton** in our Geography learning as we explore our local area. We will learn about how **Clifton** was developed and the history of our school and Church.

Our science lessons will focus on **Growing Plants**. We will carry out investigations on how plants grow and the ideal conditions for germination. We will also continue our work on **seasons** as we carry out some investigations surrounding the changing weather.

In our D&T sessions, we will be using the vegetables we have grown to become chefs and do some **cooking**. We will be tasting raw and cooked vegetables and giving our opinions before turning them into soup.

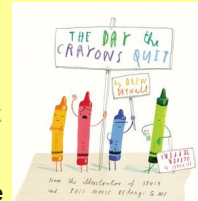
In art, we will be focusing on the work of **Stephen Wiltshire**. Drawing our own



landscapes and experimenting with painting in watercolour. We will visit Clifton Flower Park and take

inspiration to create our own landscape pictures.

Our English lessons will begin by focusing on the book '**The Day the Crayons Quit**'. Where we will work on writing our own persuasive text. We will then turn our attention to the classic story of '**Jack and the Beanstalk**.' We will retell the story and then create our own story inspired by this one. Our non-fiction writing will link to our Geography learning as we write an information text about Clifton.



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

During our maths learning this term we will be focusing on: **Multiplication and Division, Fractions, Position and Direction, Place Value to 100, Money and Time**. We will also continue our weekly **Arithmetic Challenge** and daily fluency quizzes to boost our fluency surrounding Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Our Becket music teachers will continue to join us as we deepen our learning about beat, rhythm and tempo.

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

"I Am Who I Am."

Exodus 3:14

Homework

Homework tasks will be given out every Friday. This will be spellings, number challenge, handwriting or a mini project to complete at home.

Please support your child in these tasks as they will consolidate our learning in the classroom. Spelling tests will take place on **Thursdays**.

Mathletics and Numbots logins are in your child's reading record, Your child's Numbots login will also give them access to Times table Rock Stars as we will begin using this this term.

Notices:

Uniform - It is school policy that all hair longer than shoulder length must be tied up. Hair bobbles must be discreet and in school colours. No large bows or novelty hair bands please. Year 1 must wear a button down blouse or shirt, with a tie, unless they are wearing a summer dress. Trainers are not allowed; children are expected to wear school appropriate shoes.

Reminder—Mrs Head will teach Year 1 on Mondays.

Reading Books

All children will be given a reading record, phonetically decodable book and library reading book. Please listen to your child read **everyday** and write a comment in their reading record. The library book is one to share and enjoy together. Your child is not expected to read this independently.

Children must bring in their reading books everyday. We have daily guided reading sessions and volunteers who listen to the children read.

Inside each reading record is a list of Year 1 common exception words. These words cannot be decoded using phonics. All children are expected to be able to **read and spell** all of these words by the end of the year. Please refer to this word list regularly in order to help your child learn them.

Reading books will be changed every **Tuesday**.

PE

PE days will now be Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Kit: PE kits must be brought into school on Monday, If you take them home to wash, please ensure they come back to school. All earrings and jewellery must be removed for PE lessons. If children are unable to do this independently then please remove them before the school day.

Tuesday– Swimming: Children will need a swimming costume and a towel, packed in a bag that they can carry by themselves.

Following the four swimming sessions Tuesday's PE will focus on Team games and this will be done outside, as the weather gets warmer children may wish to do PE in shorts and Tshirt however children should have appropriate outdoor PE kit in colder weather. (Black leggings or tracksuit bottoms and a black sweatshirt or hoodie.)

Wednesday– Gymnastics: Children should wear white t-shirts and black shorts (no stripes or logos).

Earrings: For health and safety reasons, earrings and all other jewellery **must** be removed before all PE sessions. Please remove them before school if your child is not able to do this independently. Children will not be allowed to swim if they are wearing earrings and they cannot remove them.

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 phone or email the office to arrange an appointment at a convenient time. As always, thank you for your ongoing support of all we do here at BRW.

I am looking forward to getting stuck into what I am sure will be another busy and exciting term!

Miss Swaby