

Our Generation!

...How Can We Care For and Use God's Gifts Responsibly?



Dates for your diary

Wed 12th Feb KS2 Talent Show 2.00pm

Fri 14th Feb INSET DAY

17th – 21st Feb 2025
Half-term

Mon 24th February
Back to School

Wed 5th March
Ash Wednesday Mass at Church

Thurs 6th March
WORLD BOOK DAY

Thurs 13th March
Music Evening

Tue 25th March
Parent's Consultations
4-7pm

Wed 26th March
Parent's Consultations
1:30-3:30 pm

7th April – 18th April
Easter Holiday

Weds 23rd April
Y3 Resurrection Liturgy
2:30pm

Happy New Year and Welcome back to our Spring Term 2025!

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 thought-provoking question... 'How can we care for and use God's gifts responsibly?'

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, Listening and Sharing**. 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:

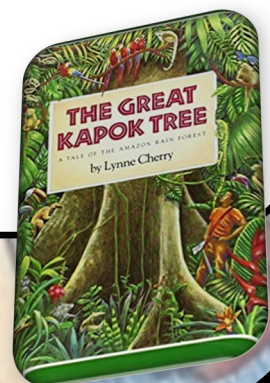
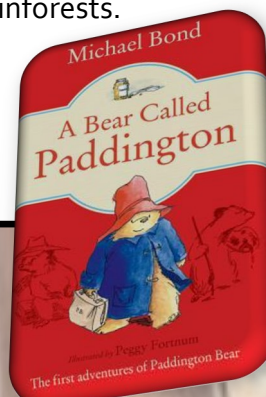
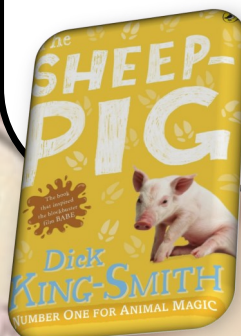


Journeys

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 strive 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 Hautenne will be teaching in Year 3 on Fridays. As well as guiding the children through our Come and See programme, she will teach **Art** and **DT**. This term, children will look at producing textile prints inspired by South America and the Rainforests with a focus on the Textiles artist Linda Calverley. The **Design and Technology** topic 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.** Gordon will teach the children about Fitness. They will be given opportunities to work at their maximum and improve their fitness levels, recognising how the activities make them feel. In Athletics the children will develop basic running, jumping and throwing techniques.

In **Music**, we will be learning about Composition and using percussion instruments with 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 for updates and 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