

# BRW SPIRIT STRONG

## 'The Treasure Within' Matthew 6-21



### Year 3 Newsletter

#### 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 is inspired by a quote from Matthew 6-21 '*The Treasure Within - For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also*' which teaches us that what we value the most is what our hearts are drawn to. What we treasure is what will become our life's focus. This year and beyond, we will focus on our spiritual treasure within: our own qualities and the qualities of others. We will show human dignity to all, for we are beautifully made in the image and likeness of God.



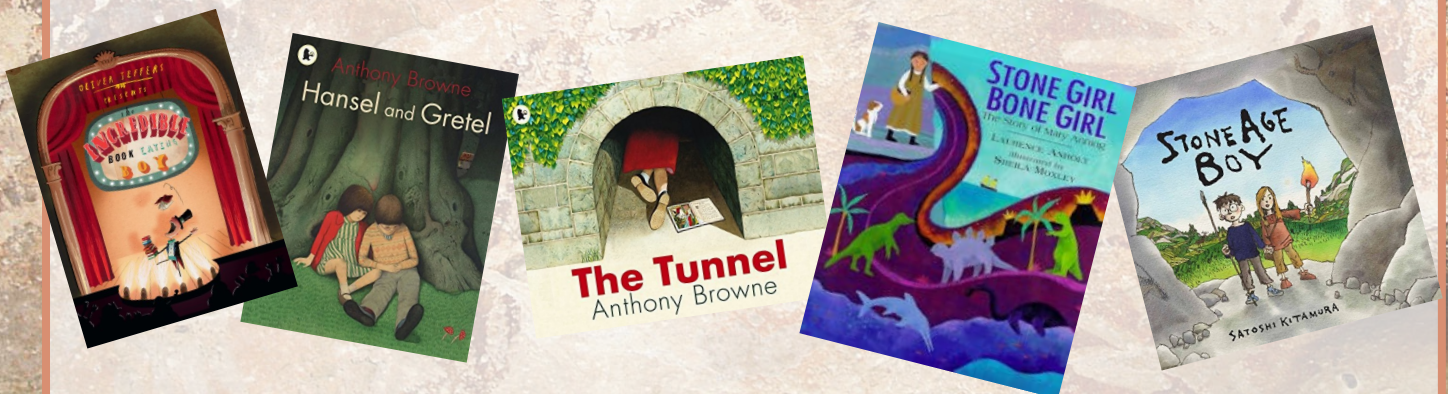
This Term, our Big Question comes from our R.E. topic 'Creation and Covenant' ... 'How does caring for the world help change the world for the better? '

After half-term, this moves on to 'Prophecy and Promise' and the Big Question will be... How do Mary and Joseph show trust in God? Our 'Other Faith' this term will be Judaism.

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

We will use a range of high quality texts, information books, film and music to inspire and motivate us!

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.



**Educational Visit Tuesday 7th October: Stone Age Day at Bestwood Education Centre.**

We will travel back in time to learn in a fun and engaging way, recognising changes in Britain from the present day back to the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages. We will learn what early Man needed to survive: Build shelters and find out what they ate back in prehistoric Britain. We will also build Stonehenge and discuss worshipping the Sun. We will get creative and tell our latest hunting story using cave painting and make our own clay pot.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Wed 17th September** Mass of Welcome at 2pm

**Tuesday 7th October** Stone Age Day at Bestwood

**22nd September – 5th October** – Fairtrade Fortnight

**Wed 1st October** Francis of Assisi Mass – 11.00 CC Church

**Tues 7th October** : Parents' Consultations 4pm-7pm

**Weds 8th October** : Parents' Consultations 1.30pm -3.30pm

**Fri 10th October** World Mental Health Day

**Wed 15th October** : Whole School Harvest Mass

**HALF-TERM 20th –31st October**

**INSET Day Mon 3rd November INSET DAY**

**Tue 11th November** 11.00 am: Remembrance Liturgy

**Wed 10th December Y3 Christmas Celebration 2:30pm**

**Tues 16th December** Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day followed by Carols around the Christmas Tree 2pm

**Wed 17th December** 2.30pm: Advent Mass

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 22nd Dec- 5th Jan 2026**

**Tuesday 6th Epiphany Mass 2 pm**

In Year 3, we will discover all about The Stone Age and through **History and Geography**, deepen our understanding of time-lines and changes in Britain, from hunter-gatherers to early farmers. We will identify, compare and contrast the different countries in the UK, name and locate counties and cities and understand the human impact on the UK over time.

This term we will focus on 'Place Value' and 'Addition and Subtraction' 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 their passwords for the websites Times Tables Rock Stars and Mathletics to support them in this area.

In **Science** we will be studying 'Rocks and Fossils' and 'Nutrition and Skeletons' so plenty of investigative work to be undertaken.

**Music** will be improving our performance skills and repeat a rhythm on one or two notes on a tuned instrument in the

context of a Call and Response. In **Computing** we will learn how to stay safe online and use programming skills to create work related to our topic. In **P.E.** we will learn Multi-sports with Gordon and next half-term, Jimmy Jumpshot will teach Basketball skills. **Mrs Jones** will join us this term on Fridays to teach P.E. **Geography** and also **Art**, in which we explore prehistoric art, recreating the style of cave artists using charcoal and natural pigments. Next half-term, the children will learn about switches and circuits in **Design and Technology**.

## How you can help

There will be reading, spellings and Maths homework **every** week. There could be follow-up research in other areas *if appropriate*. Please check the weekly homework sheet and encourage your child to complete the tasks set on time. Use the green Homework diary to sign and communicate with school any queries. Try to practice multiplication facts and number bonds daily.

Every child should **read daily** and have the opportunity to discuss what they've read in order to check their understanding. Reading diaries need to be signed and brought into school every day.

Please make sure your child has their P.E. kit (black shorts, plain white T-shirt and trainers or plimsolls) in school on Mondays. PE kit should stay in school all week and can be taken home for washing on Friday. During colder weather, children can wear a dark-coloured tracksuit over their kit.

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. Blog address: [brwacademy.com](http://brwacademy.com) We're also on Facebook and X (follow the links from the webpage)

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*