

YEAR 4 AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2025



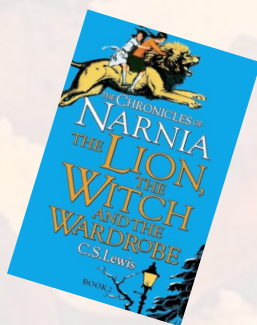
‘The Treasure Within’

Matthew 6:21

Welcome Back!

A warm welcome to both Year 4 and parents alike! I am very much looking forward to a term full of joyful learning. The children will have many opportunities for learning in the classroom and beyond in the next few months running up to Christmas. So far the children have been a joy to work with and I have every confidence the Autumn term will be a chance to create memories and learn skills that will stay with them as they move through school. This year’s annual theme at BRW is **‘The Treasure Within’ (Matthew 6:21)**. The children are encouraged to think about what they value most as this is what our hearts are drawn to and what we treasure 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.

In RE, the children’s first topic will be ‘Creation and Covenant’, with a focus on our big question ‘Why is Abraham seen as a model of prayer?’. This will encourage us to explore the historical context of Abraham and the cultural and religious context out of which he was called. By the end of the topic the children will be reflecting on the challenges and blessings Abraham experienced and how their faith played a part in how they reacted as well as reflecting on how faith and love can help them to be a good neighbour. After this we will be looking at our second topic ‘Prophecy and Promise’.



In English we will be delving into Roald Dahl’s **‘The Witches’**, with opportunities for exploring techniques for describing villains in stories and writing in the style of the author. We will continue to expand our vocabulary and navigate language through spellings and learning new words regularly. The children will also be writing descriptive poetry about the witches from the book! We will also be exploring **‘The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe’** later in the term.

Mathematics will see us focused this term on Place Value, Addition, Subtraction and fluency with numbers. In the lead up to Christmas, we will move on to Multiplication and Division. All units will provide problem solving opportunities and encourage children to use mathematical language to explain their answers both verbally and through their written work.

Our first History topic will focus on the Indus Valley. We will be looking at who the Indus Valley Civilisation were, who discovered it and finishing off the unit with understanding how it impacted the world we know today.

In Geography, we will be looking at mountains both in the UK and across the world. We will be learning about how they're formed, how they can affect the weather. The topic will be finished by directly comparing the mountains in the UK with the Himalayas and the impact they have on the economy.

In Science, we will be learning all about Electricity. We will be working scientifically to understand how we get our electricity. We will be using our knowledge of electricity, circuits and DT skills to make some creative torches.

In PE, the children have brilliant opportunities this term for varied and beneficial learning. Year 4 will have Basketball, Multi-sports and fundamentals. The children will learn essential skills in fundamentals that will inform their approach and expand their skill set in future PE units. PE days are currently on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

In French lessons, children will be learning language skills relating to food (which is always useful!), family and friends.

On a weekly basis Year 4 will have music lessons with the opportunity to play instruments, with a view to build to a performance towards the end of term. Weekly hymn practices shall continue ahead of whole school Masses.

Trips and visitors at TBC, please keep your eyes peeled for more information coming soon.

If you have any spare time and feel you could offer some specialist skills to enhance our learning this term or would be able to chat to the children about your job. I'd love to hear from you!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

17th Sept 2pm: **Welcome Mass**

22nd Sept—5th Oct: **Fairtrade Fortnight**

1st Oct 11am: **Francis of Assisi Mass CC Church**

7th Oct 4-7pm: **Parent Consultations**

8th Oct 1:30-3:30pm: **Parent Consultations**

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

15th October 2pm: **Harvest Mass**

20th Oct– 31st Oct: **Half term**

3rd Nov: **Inset Day**

11th Nov 11am: **Remembrance Liturgy**

13th Nov: **Y4 Assembly**

21st Nov: **Jubilee Celebration Day**

2nd Dec 5pm: **Advent Celebrations**

3rd Dec 1:45: **Service of Reconciliation**

16th Dec: **Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day followed by Carols around the Christmas Tree (2pm)**

17th Dec 2:30pm: **Advent Mass**

How you can help:

You can check homework reminders, which will be shared in children's diaries on a weekly basis, starting this Friday. Homework will aim to consolidate learning in class and also provide opportunities for project work with a view to display and celebrate creations throughout the year! There will be reading, spellings, Times Table Rock Stars and Maths/English homework **every** week. Please use the green Homework diary to record daily reading with your child and to communicate with school about any queries. These must be brought into school every day.

The children will receive logins for Times Tables Rock Stars and NumBots and can use Mathletics alongside this to practise their times tables. Encouraging regular use of these will help your children master recall of their times tables facts up to 12x12. To support your child in the lead up to the times table test in May, it is vital they practise their times tables up to 12x12 for 5 minutes each day.

Support your children in ensuring they are engaging in their expected **daily home reading** during the week and ask them questions about what they are reading to support their understanding of the text.

Correct PE kits are needed in school every day (black shorts, white t-shirt and black trainers or plimsolls). During colder weather, children can wear a dark-coloured tracksuit over their kit. Your child also need a **painting apron/old shirt** in school to protect their uniform during art and DT lessons. This should remain on their peg in their bag all week.

Please check the **Year 4 web page** on the school website for updates. We're also on Facebook and X @BRWSchool.

If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to speak to me!

Thank you for all of your support already!

Miss Lawler