



# Welcome Back

**Mrs Cook**

**Spring Term 2026**

Welcome back to all of the Year 2 pupils and families! I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas break and are ready and raring to get back to school.

Our scripture theme for the year continues to build upon our '**BRW Spirit Strong**' motto. Our scripture theme is '**The Treasure Within**' Matthew 6:21, where we continue to focus on our spiritual values within and showing human dignity to all.

As always, our RE topics will be at the heart of our learning this term:

- **Galilee to Jerusalem:** We will learn more about the preaching of John the Baptist and how he Baptised Jesus. We will find ways to recognise that we are all tempted to make bad choices but that God loves us and will forgive us.
- **Desert to Garden:** We will retell the stories of the events that took place during Holy Week. Children will learn that Lent is a time for reconciliation and forgiveness. Children will use religious words and phrases to describe what happens at Easter Vigil Mass.
- **Hinduism:** We will learn about Hindu homes and shrines and how Hindu people worship. We will learn about Ganesha and Krishna who symbolise love and kindness.
- **Sikhism:** We will learn about Sikh families and their values. We will discover how babies are welcomed into the religion the importance of naming ceremonies.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Epiphany Mass**  
6th January
- **School Photos**  
13th January
- **KS2 Talent Show**  
11th February 2pm
- **FS/KS1 Talent Show**  
12th February 9:30am
- **INSET**  
13th February
- **World Book Day**  
5th March
- **Parent Consultation Evening**  
17th March
- **Parent Consultation**  
18th March
- **Holy Week**  
23rd March
- **Last Day of Term**  
27th March

## Spring Term - Land Ahoy!

Year 2 have got another exciting term ahead of them. This term we will be learning about the Golden Age of Piracy as part of our Land Ahoy topic. In history lessons, we will find out about famous male and female pirates as well as the explorer Captain James Cook.

In geography lessons, we will learn about the continents and oceans around the world. We will link our history learning as we find out where Captain Cook sailed to on his many expeditions.

In art lessons we will create pirate ship inspired collages as we learn about the artist Romare Bearden. We will explore texture and colour as



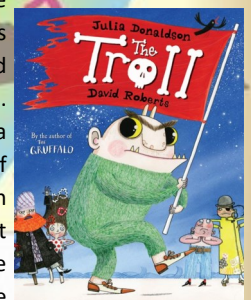
we make our own paper to be collaged. We will take inspiration from the outdoor environment as we create.

Our first science topic this term is animals where we will learn about the basic needs of animals including humans. We will explore healthy diets and how we look after our bodies. We will go on a class visit to Twycross Zoo to learn more about animals, their habitats and

the dangers they face in the wild. Our second topic is uses of everyday materials where we will explore how to change materials for a variety of uses. We will plan scientific investigations and draw conclusions from our results.

In PE we will be joining Mrs Bathgate for gymnastics lessons and Mrs Cook for athletics, striking and fielding games. We will have lots of fun as we burn up some energy and get our heart rates pumping.

In English lessons we will focus on the texts 'The Troll' and 'Fantastic Mr Fox'. There will be a consistent focus of spelling, punctuation and grammar so that the children become confident and accurate writers. We will also explore non fiction and poetry texts throughout the term. Phonics lessons will continue to take place everyday.



In D&T lessons, we will learn about pivots and levers as we design and make our own moving trolls.

Maths lessons will focus on deepening the children's understanding of multiplication, division, money, length and height, mass, capacity and temperature.

It really is going to be a busy term and we can't wait to get started!

### Year 2 Blog

Please check our blog regularly to see what Year 2 have been up to on their adventures. The children are keen to share their experiences with others. We encourage you to leave comments on the blog but please remember to use first names only.

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Thank you.

### PE

PE kits must be available in school everyday. PE kits should include a plain white t-shirt, black shorts, black plimsoles or trainers and socks. Sweatshirts, hoodie, joggers or leggings are permitted for outdoor PE.

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.

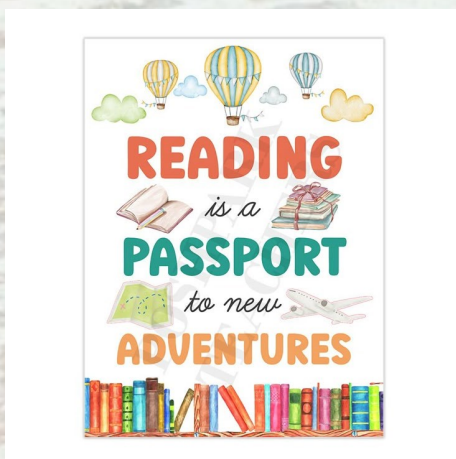
### Homework

**Spellings:** Spellings will be sent home each week and will be tested on Thursday. There will now be 2 spelling lists to choose from. The orange list will be words that may need revisiting and the green list will be more challenging spellings. The children may choose which list they learn for their spelling test.

**Handwriting:** The children will continue to take home a handwriting book. Please encourage them to form all letters correctly with a pencil. New letters will be given each Thursday.

**Reading:** All children will continue to use a reading record, phonetically decodable book and library book. Please listen to your child read their decodable book **everyday** and write a comment in the reading record.

Children should bring in their reading books everyday. We have weekly whole class guided reading sessions and volunteers who listen to the children read.



And finally...if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to me to arrange a meeting either before or after the school day.

*Thank you so much for your continued support, it is very much appreciated.*

**Mrs Cook**