

YEAR 4 AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2026



BRW
SPIRIT
STRONG

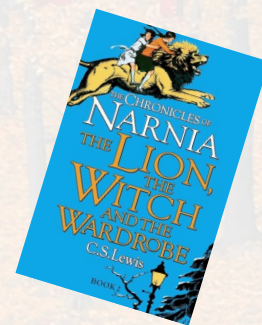
‘One World, One Family’

Welcome Back!

A warm welcome to both Year 4 children and parents. I am very much looking forward to a term full of learning. The children will have many opportunities for learning in the classroom and beyond in the next few months running up to Christmas.

This year’s annual theme at BRW is **‘One World, One Family’**. The children are encouraged to think about what this means for them, and how to show this in their own lives. Both this year and beyond.

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 looking 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 language through spellings and learning new words regularly. The children will also be writing descriptive poetry. Later in the term, the book we will be exploring is **‘The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe’**.

In maths, we will be focussing 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.

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 with understanding how it impacted the world we know today.

In Geography, we will look at mountains both in the UK and across the world. Learning about how they're formed and how they can affect the weather. Finishing the topic by comparing mountains in the UK with the Himalayas and the impact they have on the economy.

In Science, we will be learning all about electricity, and we will be working to understand *how* we get electricity. We will then 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 cover multi-sports and fundamentals. We also have some additional session being led by Notts County. The children will learn essential skills that will inform their approach and expand their skill set. 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.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

30th Sept 3:30-4:30pm: **Parent Open Evening**

1st Oct 2:30pm: **Feast Day CotW, parents invited.**

14th Oct 2pm: **Harvest Mass.**

16th Oct: **Inset Day**

19th-30th Oct: **Half Term**

11th Nov : **Remembrance Liturgy**

13th Nov 9:15am: **Y4 Assembly**

20th Nov: **Inset Day**

25th Nov 2pm: **Service of Reconciliation, Advent Y4, Y5, Y6.**

2nd Dec 5pm: **Advent Celebration KS2**

15th Dec 2pm: **Christmas Jumper Day followed by Carols around the Christmas Tree.**

16th Dec 2pm: **Advent Mass**

18th Dec 9:30am: **AOT Assembly**

21st Dec—1st Jan: **Christmas Holidays**

How you can help:

Checking homework reminders, which are shared in children's diaries on a weekly basis.

There will be reading, spellings, Times Table Rock Stars 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 their times tables facts. To support your child in the lead up to the Year 4 Multiplication check later in the year, it is vital they practise their times tables daily.

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.

Mr Lester