

### Term 3

#### January 2022

15th

All day

Application deadlines for new starter Sept 2022

#### February 2022

Week Beg 7th

Children's Mental Health Week

8th

Safer Internet Day

Week beg 14th

Art Week

Week beg 14th

Parents Evening

18th

Break Up

**This year's term dates are also shown below.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** The LA have informed all maintained schools that the summer term shall end one day earlier than originally advertised, on Thursday 21st July 2022. This is due to the additional Bank Holiday in June which falls in the May Half Term break. Please make a note of this in your calendars.

#### **INSET Days**

Monday 6th June 2022

## Message from the Head Teacher

Firstly I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year. I hope that the Christmas season was a fun one and Father Christmas treated you all well! Thank you from us all here at school for all the wonderful presents and cards that were given. They are very much appreciated.

This term, as usual brings lots to look forward to. Griffin and Gruffalo classes begin their music lessons with the music hub next week. We shall look forward to their sessions as Phoenix and Dragon did before the holidays.

**Open the Book** continue to join us for worship every other Thursday. They lead the worship in the hall with one class whilst the rest of the school join online so they can be part of the learning and reflection time too. The children do love the time they have with Open the Book, who are a huge support to us at the school. Before Christmas we received a delivery of fine cakes and biscuits, all homemade by the Open the Book team! They were delicious! Thank you Open the Book.



At the start of term 4 we will be holding our World Book Day celebrations. There will be more information on this as the term progresses. We would like to collect any **unwanted dressing up outfits**, either book related or not, in order to raise some funds for our play equipment in the new building. We would love to accept any donations of dressing up outfits which are still in good condition. Please pass them to the class teacher for collection. If we receive enough we will hold a sale, either online or virtually. Again, more information to follow.

Similarly before Christmas we asked for any donations of **unwanted Christmas jumpers**. If anyone has any further jumpers that they know won't fit by next year we would love to have them please? We will add them to those already donated and keep them safe for a sale later in the year as we approach the next festive season! Thank you to all those who have already donated.



**Year 6 Life Skills Trip** This week, Year 6 had the opportunity to visit the Life Skills centre where they learnt invaluable skills including how to make 999 phone calls as well as beach and railway safety. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and expressed how much they had learnt. The centre is run largely on volunteers, one of whom (Donna) completed her 100th volunteer session whilst we were there. We had the honour of being present whilst she received her award.

**Staffing** Next week we shall be saying goodbye to Leila Karamani who has been working in reception. Leila has only been with us for a short time but will no doubt be missed especially by those in reception. Good luck Leila.



**Do you have:**

- ◆ A couple of hours free around lunchtime each day?
- ◆ An interest in supporting the children through their play?
- ◆ Keen to gain experience in a primary setting?



We are looking for a Lunch Break Supervisor to join our team. If you are interested, or know anyone who might be, then please contact the school office for more information and an application pack.

**Friends of Frenchay School** would like to say a big thank you for your amazing support of our raffle last term. We raised £644! This support allowed us to purchase a gift from Father Christmas for each pupil and Christmas crackers for the School Christmas dinner. In total we have raised **£1347** last term, which will go towards play equipment for the new school.

We have lots of ideas for fundraising, but need more help. If you would like to join us would love to hear from you. You don't need to commit to every event, or be on the committee, any support is welcomed. Do you have a skill we could use? We're holding our next planning meeting on Thursday 20th January at 8pm, at The White Lion Frenchay.

### Learning in Phoenix Class

Welcome back! We had a fantastic holiday in Phoenix class but are glad to be back! Last term we finished our Stone Age to Iron Age topic. The final lesson involved us using a Stone Age recipe to make bread dough! We then scavenged sticks and wrapped the dough around them, before baking our bread on an open fire that was set up on the common! Amazingly it worked and we all got to try some freshly baked Stone Age bread - it was delicious. We are now looking forward to starting our new unit which is a local area study looking at the animation group Aardman!



Don't forget to submit your application for **new primary starters** by January 15th 2022.

### Worship — Pause for Thought

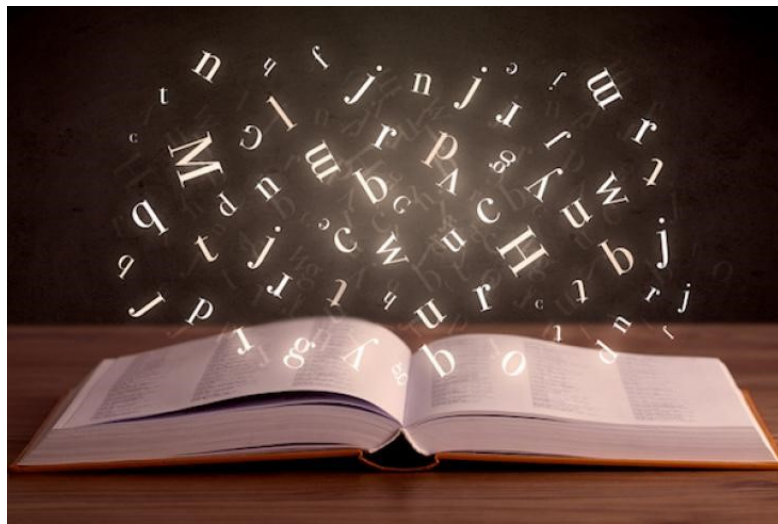
This term we are focusing on the value of **Courage**. Please find below the questions that we shall be thinking about as part of our worship. It would be great to talk about them at home too.



**Next week:** What small steps can you take to start achieving a challenge ahead of you?



There is a huge amount research into the value of reading, both children being heard read by others and the importance of reading for pleasure. Above is a brief piece of information and guidance about how you can support reading at home and more can be found on our website.



## Book Chat

Developing a Love of Reading

I wonder what's going to happen?  
Oh no, I hope she's not going to...  
I wonder why he did that?  
I think he's feeling...  
We love sausages too, don't we!  
That reminds me of when...  
Ahh, that word means...  
What can we see there?  
That looks like our park, but...

Book Chat encourages readers. Open questions, comments and prompts get the Book Chat going. Invite your child to make connections and share views. Join in with your thoughts too!

Book Chat develops language, comprehension and pleasure.

For more information visit:  
[bit.ly/RfPHome](https://bit.ly/RfPHome)



	Before School	After school	After school
<b>Monday</b>			Football Progressive Sports Multi Sports Gruffalo and Griffin
<b>Tuesday</b>			
<b>Wednes-day</b>			
<b>Thursday</b>	STEM – Robotics Griffin Class 8.00am – 8.50am Year 3&4		
<b>Friday</b>	STEM – Robotics Phoenix Class 8.00am – 8.50am Year 5&6	KS 2 Street Dance 3.30 – 4.30 Hall	Football Progressive Sports Gruffalo and Griffin Dragon and Phoenix

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