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## **Year 2 Autumn Term Curriculum Letter**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 2

<b>Topic Focus</b>	Topic 1: Roald Dahl 	Topic 2: Dinosaurs 
<i>Subject</i>	<i>Main Learning Focus</i>	
<b>English/Literacy</b>	We will be practising writing sentences and making sure that these include: capital letters, spaces between words, full-stops and checking they make sense. We will be extending our writing skills to include adjectives for description and connectives to link ideas. The children will be doing a range of writing including; character descriptions, stories, non-fiction reports and poems. We will be introducing the children to joined handwriting.	
<b>Maths</b>	We will be developing our understanding of number so that we know, for example, that the '2' in 21 is not actually 2 but represents 20. We will be revising and extending our calculation skills for addition and subtraction and introducing multiplication and division strategies. We will also be measuring length and mass using centimetres and grams.	
<b>Science</b>	We will be revising what materials everyday objects are made from such as wood, glass, fabric, plastic and metal. We will be introducing a range of vocabulary to describe properties of material and sort them using: transparent, opaque, waterproof, permeable, rigid, bendy, rough, smooth, strong and fragile. We will also be developing our investigation skills through a range of experiments and developing the recording of these.	
<b>RE</b>	We will be discussing 'What is worship?' and where Christians worship. We will be looking at the symbols you might find in a church and thinking about why they are special. We will relate this to what is special to them. We will be looking at some of the stories from the bible and looking at religious art.	
<b>Computing</b>	The children will be developing their independence with the computers by learning to log on and shut down without adult support. We will be learning about staying safe on the computers and knowing what to do if something doesn't seem right.	
<b>PSHE</b>	In PSHE we will be looking at belonging in the class, school and community. We will be setting class rules and discussing why these are important. We will be looking at similarities and differences between us, recognising our feelings and developing ways of calming down. We will be discussing different relationships such as friendships and family and discussing different points of view and valuing differences.	

<b>Art and DT</b>	We will be having an art lesson every Friday afternoon, our main focus for the start of the year will be colour mixing with paints and then we will be learning sketching techniques. There will be a mix of lessons where we will be learning techniques as well as opportunities for the children to be creative and have more choice over their piece.
<b>History and Geography</b>	In geography we will be learning to identify the continents and oceans and know which 4 countries make up the UK. We will be learning about the seasons and looking for signs of Autumn. In history we will be learning about Guy Fawkes and Mary Anning.
<b>Music</b>	As musicians we will learn a harvest song to perform in the harvest assembly. We will perform rhythmic accompaniments to music with different tempos. We will explore ways in which sounds are made on percussion instruments and how they can be changed.
<b>PE</b>	We will start the year with gymnastics and go onto dinosaur themed dance!
<b>Visits</b>	We will be going to Peterborough Museum on Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November for lots of Dinosaur fun!

### Home learning

We plan to introduce learning logs, more information will follow shortly.

### PE days/kits

Year 2 will have PE on a Tuesday and Thursday – Please make sure your child has indoor (shorts and t-shirt) and outdoor kit (a pair of trainers/plimsolls, a jumper/jacket and long trousers) at school and that every item is clearly named.

### Dates

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September - A chance to meet your child's new class teacher. (3:40pm & 6pm)  
 Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September - Individual/sibling photographs  
 Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September - Harvest festival (Please remember to send in food!)  
 Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October - Parent consultations  
 Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November - Peterborough Museum Class trip

### Contact/general reminders

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. We are always available to chat to on the playground after we have seen the children out each day. If you need a longer or more discreet chat then please arrange an appointment at the office or with us at the end of the day. If you have a quick message, such as a change of who is taking your child home then you can send a note in with your child.

### Parental Help

If you would like to help in the classroom we would be very grateful. We are always looking for help with admin jobs as well as reading with the children.

### Reading

At Brampton Village Primary School, we think that reading with your child at home is so valuable and important. Your child has been sent home with a reading record book and should take a book from the lending library (or read a home book). Please record how they get on with their reading at home in their reading record, we really value your comments especially if the book was too hard/easy. They will have an opportunity to change their book daily in school but it is their responsibility to tell us that they need to change their book. Please make sure your child brings their reading record book in their book bags **every day** so we can check their targets when we read with them in school.

Mrs Janette Taylor, Miss Abi M<sup>c</sup>Auley and Mrs Kathryn Henson ☺