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Year 2 Autumn Term 2017 Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 2

Topic Focus	 Dungeons and dragons 
Subject	Main Learning Focus
English/Literacy	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 conjunctions to link ideas. The children will be doing a range of writing including; character descriptions, stories and recounts. We will be working on letter formation in handwriting.
Maths	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.
Science	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 and sort materials including; 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.
RE	We will be learning about why Christians celebrate Harvest and the role of food in religious celebrations. We will be thinking about how a faith has an important role in some families.
Computing	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.
PSHE	We will be learning about why rules are important to keep us safe. We will be thinking about our personal identities and the groups and communities to which we belong.
Art and DT	Our main focus in art will be colour mixing with paints and we will be learning sketching techniques. In DT we will be looking at winding mechanisms and use a winding mechanism to create a working drawbridge for a castle.
History and Geography	In geography we will be locating and naming the seven continents of the world, the oceans and naming the countries in the United Kingdom. In history we will be considering where castles were built, who built some of the first castles in this country and why. This will provide the children with excellent background knowledge for our trip to Warwick Castle.
Music	In music this term children will be play and compose rhythmic repeated patterns on instruments and will use simple music notation. They will sing a variety of songs and will focus on accuracy of pitch and rhythm.
PE	In our indoor PE, we will be working on our core gymnastic skills of balance, control and coordination. In outdoor PE, we will be developing our running, throwing and catching skills through a range of multi-skill sports activities.
Visits	We will be going to Warwick Castle on <u>Friday 13th October</u> . A letter has been sent out with the details but please request another if yours has got misplaced. Please remember to arrive at school at 8am on the day of the trip in order for us to leave on time. We hope to return to school by 5pm, traffic permitting.

Home learning

In Year 2 home learning will consist of:

- A short open-ended task which will consolidate or inspire work in class – this needs to be completed in purple learning log books.
- Spelling lists to learn.

For this half term, the home learning dates are as follows:

Due in	Sent home
	8 th September 2017
20 th September 2017	22 nd September 2017
4 th October 2017	6 th October 2017
18 th October 2017	
Half term	
	3 rd November 2017
15 th November 2017	17 th November 2017
29 th November 2017	1 st December 2017
13 th December 2017	
Christmas	

Reading

At Brampton Village Primary School, we think that reading with your child at home is so valuable and important. Your child will be 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 **everyday** so we can check their targets when we read with them in school.

PE days/kits

Year 2 will have PE on a Wednesday and Friday – 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

September	Tuesday 19th	Meet the Teacher (in the classrooms)	3.30pm and 5.30pm
October	Wednesday 20 th	Individual photographs	
	Friday 13 th	Y2 visit to Warwick Castle	8am – 5pm
	18 th & 19 th	Parent Consultations	
	23 rd – 27 th	Half Term	
December	Tuesday 12 th	Key Stage 1 Performance	2.00pm
	Thursday 14 th	Key Stage 1 Performance	2.00pm
	Monday 18 th	YR visit to Chapel Key Stage 1 Carol Service Key Stage 2 Carol Service	
	Tuesday 19 th	Last day of term	

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 discrete 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.

Thank you for your continued support

Mr Ben Wilson, Miss Abi M^cAuley and Mrs Kathryn Henson ☺