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Dear Parents and Carers,

Autumn 2nd Half Term Curriculum Letter

We hope you all had an enjoyable half term. We are looking forward to another exciting and busy half term.

Key Dates:

- 4th November - Parent open morning
- 11th November - Remembrance Day
- 13th November - Children in Need
- 16th November - Infant Music Festival
- 17th November/ 19th November - Parent consultations
- 8th December - Year 2 Christmas show
- WB 14th December 2026 - Carols at the Church (date TBC)
- 18th December 2026 - School finishes early at 1:40pm
- Wednesday 6th January 2027 - Children return to school

English 	We will be exploring the learning journey 'Dragon Magic' by reading the story 'George and the Dragon' by Chris Wormell. During our learning journey, we will: ● use our increasing phonic knowledge to write more complex words and tricky words correctly. ● write increasingly complex sentences using noun phrases, adverbs, similes and onomatopoeia. ● Learn how to rehearse what we want to write before we write it. Our extended writing outcomes will include writing instructions on a dragon theme and a non-chronological report.
Reading 	Our Terrific Text this half term will be 'George and the Dragon' by Chris Wormell. We will read the text and we will practise our sequencing skills by: ● identifying the beginning, middle and end of the story. ● explore the powerful adjectives, adverbs and verbs that the author has used in the story to describe dragons. ● identify features that the author has used to create suspense and drama in the story.
Mathematics 	We will be learning about shape and money by: ● exploring the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. ● exploring symmetrical and asymmetrical shapes and lines of symmetry. ● identifying current British notes and coins ● counting in pounds and pence ● doing number problems involving money

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Science 	This term in Year 2 Science, our topic will be animals, including humans: • finding out about basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival. • the importance of exercise, a healthy diet, and hygiene.
Foundation subjects:        	**PE:** This half-term, our focus for our indoor PE will be dance. During these sessions, we will explore how to use our bodies to create sequences of movement and respond to music as a stimulus. Our outdoor PE lessons will be developing ball skills, focusing on sending and receiving balls in different ways. **DT:** Exploring mechanisms, including sliders and levers and using mechanism skills to make a design idea linked to the story of George and the Dragon. **Geography:** We will be learning about the UK countries, capital cities and seas surrounding the UK. We will be learning how to use and understand simple compass directions. We will learn about geographical features associated with UK countries. **RE:** We will discuss ideas from different religions and worldviews about how the universe began. **Computing:** We will be learning how to log onto Chromebooks and use usernames and passwords. We will start to learn touch typing with BBC Dance Mat typing. **RSHE**: We will be focusing on ideas about making and breaking friendships. We will discuss positive relationships, respecting boundaries, managing disagreements and recognise bullying. We will also explore kindness, safety and responsible behaviour online. **Music**: We will be learning about pitch, pitch movement and looking at a range of rhythmic patterns to play. We will be exploring rhythmic and melodic shapes and patterns in music.

Things to remember:
Wednesdays and Thursdays - children should come to school in PE Kits.
Children should bring book bags to school every day.

Homework expectations:
The general homework expectations are:

- to read daily
- maths homework on MyMaths.
- Spelling homework on Spelling Shed.

Thank you for your ongoing support.
Miss Jayson