# YEAR 2 Spring 1



This newsletter is to inform you of what your child will be learning this half term, and how you can support at home.

## **English**

This half term we will be reading the book 'The Dragon Machine' by Helen Ward. It's a really wonderful story about a boy named George and some very cheeky dragons that need to return to their home. The children's English work related to this text will include creating imaginative posters



and writing their own stories. Their stories will have a clear beginning, middle and end and have the main character changed and the type of machine altered also.

#### **Maths**

This half term we will be looking at 2D and 3D shapes, Money and Multiplication and Division. The children will be counting the sides, vertices, faces, edges, making patterns and looking at lines of symmetry within shapes. The children will also be counting pounds and pence, making amounts and finding change with Money. They will continue to learn the 2, 5 and 10 Multiplication and Division tables and their 'Speed Table Test' will continue to be on Fridays

# Computing

In Computing, we will be learning about programming and coding. We will use scratch to learn how to make our own codes and sequences.

### **Science**

This term we will be learning all about Growth and survival in Science. We will be looking at lifecycles and healthy bodies.

#### RE

In RE and PSHE, we will continue to learn about Christianity and more stories for the Bible. We will also be continuing to learn about our personal health and well-being and begin to learn about safety.

## **Foundation Subjects**

In Geography, we will be travelling to the Arctic, finding out about the Arctic countries, their landscapes and the Arctic communities and animals that live there.

In Art we will be looking at the work of the Artist Guiseppe Arcimboldo and using his work as a stimulus for our own.

## How we can support at home

**Reading at home** - About 20 minutes every day with a school reading book. Please encourage your child to talk about their book and to fill in their Reading diary with the date, title of book and any comments. Please sign your child's diary regularly.

Times tables - 5 minutes Times tables x2, x10 and x5. Speed test on Friday

Spellings - 5 minutes Spelling practice - 10 Spellings each week. Test on Friday.

Numbots - 15 minutes twice a week. Numbots certificate given out Friday.