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**EYFS Curriculum Information Letter – Autumn 2023**

Dear Parents,

We would like to welcome you to SS John and Monica’s. We hope that you and your family have had an enjoyable summer. In this letter you will find an overview of the work that your child will be completing during this term. Please find opportunities to support your child’s learning by doing additional research on any new topics.

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| **RE** | We will be covering the following topic:* Creation
* People who care for us
* Advent
* Christmas
* Our class saint, Mother Teresa
* School prayers
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| **English** | **Comprehension:** The children will be learning to listen and join in with stories and poems. They will begin to talk about events and principal characters in stories and make simple suggests about how a story might end. **Reading:** The children will be become increasingly confident in the following areas of reading:* Linking sounds to letters and hearing and saying the initial sounds in words.
* Sounding out simple words

**Please bring your child’s book bag to school every day.** **Writing:** The children will be practicing correct letter formation and writing the letter to represent the sounds they hear. They will begin to write some simple words including their full name. |
| **Maths** | **Number:**The children will be covering the following topics:* Counting objects, actions and sounds
* Subitising (recognizing quantities without needing to count)
* Beginning to automatically recall some simple number bonds

**Numerical Patterns:**The children will be covering the following topics:* Comparing quantities, recognising quantities as greater than, less than and the same as
* Recognising one more and one less

The children will also begin to develop their spatial reasoning skills across all areas of mathematics including shape, space and measure.  |
| **Communication & Language**  | **Listening, Attention and Understanding** The children will be learning to listen attentively in a range of situations, respond to instructions involving a two-part sequence and join in with small group discussions. **Speaking**The children will be encouraged to retell simple past events and use more complex sentences to share thoughts and ideas. |
| **Personal, Emotional and Social Development** | The children will develop their sense of belonging, seeing themselves as valuable members of our school. Pupils will be encouraged to initiate conversations, speak about their needs, wants, interests and opinions and ask questions. Children will also be learning that their own actions affect other people. |
| **PE** | Our focus this term will be gymnastics and dance. Through our PE sessions children will learn to negotiate space, adjusting speed and direction.  |
| **Understanding The World** | **Past & Present / People, Culture and Communities**Our Autumn topic will be ‘All About Me’ and will involve work related to:* Families & Homes
* My Feelings / Like & Dislikes
* Growing and changing

We will also celebrate significant days in our academic calendar e.g. Diwali and Bonfire Night. **Technology** Children will have access to the school’s laptops and I Pads**.** The children will become familiar with the use of computers and will have access to range of activities to support their development in reading and number. |
| **Expressive Arts and Design** | Children will be learning to create with a range of techniques and materials. They will explore colour and study the work of Piet Mondrian.  |

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| **Homework** | **Reading:** Children will have reading books sent home, these will be changed when your child is familiar with the story and confident to discuss the characters and events. Please bring your child’s book bag to school on a daily basis and sign their reading diaries. |
| **Attendance and Punctuality** | This year we have a school target of **97%** for pupils in Rec– 6. It is very important that your child attends school every day. Pupils with an attendance level of less than 90% are regarded by the Government as having Persistent Absence and parents will be invited into school to discuss reasons for persistent absence. School starts **at 8.50am - 3.20pm.** If there is a cause for concern about your child’s punctuality you will be contacted to discuss this matter. |
| **Other Information** | **Parents Consultation**: Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th October  |

If you have any questions, please speak to me informally at the end of the day or send an email to the school office. enquiry@stjonmon.bham.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

Miss Nolan, Mrs Ali & Mrs Griffiths