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**Curriculum Information Letter – Autumn Term, Year 1 2023-24**

Dear Parents,

Firstly, I would like to welcome you back to school, and I hope that you had a wonderful summer holiday. The children have settled in very well and have been happy to see each other again.

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** | The children will cover the following topics:   * The story of Creation * Families and Celebrations * Prayer and the Psalms * Advent and Christmas   Then children will also be preparing class prayer services and joining other classes to take part in weekly Gospel Assemblies. |
| **English** | The children will be working on their reading, word recognition, writing and sounds. They will focus on:   * Writing sentences, lists and captions * Writing short stories and character descriptions * Letter formation of all the letters of the alphabet * How and when to use capital letters * Reading simple texts with increasing independence and accuracy * Spelling familiar words and using known letter sounds to spell   Autumn term authors: **Pie Corbett and Jill Murphy** |
| **Maths** | * Exploring place value within 10 * Solving addition and subtraction calculations within 10 * Investigation the properties of shapes * Exploring place value within 20 * Applying skills to solve a range of reasoning problems * Completing problem solving tasks independently and in groups |
| **Science** | * What do animals and humans have in common? * Observing seasonal change |
| **Computing** | * E-safety |
| **PE** | * Dance * Gymnastics   Your child needs full P.E. kit for every P.E. lesson. **P.E. is every Friday**.  Please check that items of clothing are marked with your child’s name. Please send your child in wearing their P.E kit, they can leave their P.E. pumps in school. |
| **Music** | * Exploring the beat and rhythm in a variety of songs * Using percussion instruments to make a range of sounds * Appraising a variety of music |
| **History/Geography** | * How can I use a world map to locate continents around the world? * What were homes like in the past? |
| **PSHE** | * British Values, * Religious understanding, * Me, my body, my health, * Emotional wellbeing, * Life cycles. |
| **Forest School** | * During Autumn term 1, Year 1 will be taking part in Forest School every Tuesday. Please ensure you are aware of what group your child is in (A/B), which can be found on separate letter. |

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| **Homework** | **Reading:** Please continue to send your child’s reading bag into school every day. We will be hearing the children read daily and will be changing the reading books on a regular basis.  **Spelling:** Your child will be provided with a spelling pack. Please help them learn the spellings for each week. There will be a test every Friday.  **Maths and English:** Each child has a Maths and English homework book. Homework tasks will be set every Friday to be completed for the following Friday (one piece of Maths and one piece of English).  **Research:** Each half term, a research project linked to our History / Geography units will be set. All completed projects will be rewarded with a certificate.  **Oxford Owl:** Please use your child’s oxford owl login to assess more reading materials online. These logins can be found in your child’s reading record. |
| **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. For Year 1, the classroom will be open at **8.45 am,** with the register closing at **8.55.** Finishing time is **3.15pm.** 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.  Mass: 7th Dec |

If you have any questions send an email to [enquiry@stjonmon.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@stjonmon.bham.sch.uk) and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Mann and Miss Smith