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Curriculum Information Letter – Autumn Term, Year 1 2025-26

Dear Parents,

Firstly, we would like to welcome you back to school, and we 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.

RE	<p>We will be developing the children's understanding of the Liturgical year as a celebration of the Life of Christ. We will look at the symbols of the Church and the way Pentecost is celebrated in the Church.</p> <p>We are continuing to take part in the new RE curriculum pilot and will be learning about the life of Jesus from desert to garden.</p> <p>As well as discussing the lives of the Saints, learning about the life of Saint Francis and preparing for Christmas during the time of Advent.</p>
English	<p>Autumn Texts: Old Bear and Friends by Jane Hissey & Rapunzel by Bethan Woolvin. Using these texts as a stimulus we will complete a finding narrative and trap sentences alongside various other short pieces of writing throughout the term. Within their writing the children will also be focusing on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handwriting and letter formation • Spelling unfamiliar words • Joining words and clauses using 'and' • Sequencing sentences to form short narratives • Separation of words with spaces, using capital letters and full stops with increasing accuracy • Using regular plural noun suffix -s or -es • Adding the suffix -er to verbs
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do animals and humans have in common? • Observing seasonal change
Computing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E-safety
PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dance • Gymnastics <p>Your child needs full P.E. kit for every P.E. lesson. P.E. is every Wednesday.</p>

	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring the pulse, tempo and rhythm in a variety of songs • Using percussion instruments to make a range of sounds • Appraising a variety of music
History/Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How am I making history? • What is the weather like?
RSHE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • British Values • Religious understanding • Me, my body, my health • Emotional wellbeing • Life cycles
Forest School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

Homework	<p>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. Please indicate when your child has read via Boom Reader.</p> <p>Spelling: Your child will receive weekly focus spellings to practise at home. The children will not be formally tested on these spelling but will be given opportunity to apply them in their lessons.</p> <p>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 (please see Class Dojo).</p> <p>Research: Each half term, a research project linked to our History / Geography or wider curriculum units will be set. Children will then present their projects in class after each half term.</p> <p>Oxford Owl: Please use your child's oxford owl login to access more reading materials online. These logins can be found in your child's reading record.</p>
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 8.40am-3.20pm . If there is a cause for concern about your child's punctuality you will be contacted to discuss this matter.
Other Information	<p>Parents Consultation: Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th October</p> <p>Mass: Thursday 20th November 9am</p> <p>Christmas Theatre Trip: Friday 5th December</p> <p>Nativity: Tuesday 16th December</p> <p>More information to follow on above</p>

If you have any questions send an email to enquiry@stjonmon.bham.sch.uk and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Catling, Mrs Riches and Mrs Reid.