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Curriculum Information Letter – Autumn Term, Year 1 2026-2027

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	We will be developing the children's understanding of the Liturgical year. The main focuses will be: • Creation and the Creation story • The church • The Creed • Stewardship and looking after Gods world • Our Father prayer
English	The children will be focusing on the following: • Handwriting and letter formation • Writing simple sentences with accuracy. • Spelling unfamiliar words • Sequencing sentences. • Separation of words with spaces, using capital letters and full stops with increasing accuracy. • Traditional tales will be embedded throughout.
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 Monday. 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 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	• How am I making history? • What is the weather like?
RSHE	• 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 Wednesday. Please ensure you are aware of what group your child is in.

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. Please indicate when your child has read via Boom Reader. Spelling: Your child will receive weekly focus spellings to practice at home. The children will not be formally tested on these spelling but will be given opportunity to apply them in their lessons. Math's and English: Each child has a Math's and English homework book. Homework tasks will be set every Friday to be completed for the following Friday (please see Class Dojo). 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. 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.
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	Parents Consultation: Tuesday 13th & Wednesday 14th October Mass: Thursday 17th December 9:00 am Christmas Theatre Trip: Friday 4th December – more details to follow Nativity: Tuesday 15th December 9.15am More information to follow on above

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,
Miss Keegan and Miss Herbert