

# SS John & Monica Catholic Primary School

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## Year 1 Curriculum Information Letter –Spring 2025-2026

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!

I hope you have all enjoyed the Christmas holiday and have had an enjoyable break.

Below is an outline of the work we will be covering this term.

<b>RE</b>	<p>We will be developing the children's understanding of the Liturgical year as a celebration of the Life of Christ.</p> <p>This term in Religious Education we are beginning a new unit called Dialogue and Encounter. In this unit pupils will explore different faiths and belief systems, learning about their key beliefs and practices, and developing skills of respectful dialogue, understanding and empathy.</p> <p>We will be learning about the Christmas story, finding out how Catholics prepare for Easter during the season of Lent and understanding and recalling the key events in Holy Week.</p>
<b>English</b>	<p>Spring Texts: <b>Hermelin by Mini Grey</b> and <b>Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak</b>. Using these texts as a stimulus we will complete a narrative detective story and letter writing alongside various other short pieces of writing throughout the term.</p> <p>Throughout the term the children will be working on their reading, word recognition, writing and sounds. They will focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Using a variety of punctuation</li><li>• Ensuring letters are equal in size and tall letters stand tall</li><li>• Forming all capital letters correctly</li><li>• Reading with increasing independence and answering questions related to the text</li><li>• Using the prefix un</li><li>• Using suffixes (ing, ed, er, est)</li><li>• Spelling Year 1 common exception words</li><li>• Writing a variety of texts (stories, non-fiction, lists and letters).</li></ul>
<b>Maths</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Number: addition and subtraction within 20</li><li>• Number: place value within 50</li><li>• Counting in 2, 5 and 10</li><li>• Measurement: length and height</li><li>• Measurement: weight and volume</li></ul>
<b>Science</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Observing seasonal change</li><li>• What everyday materials can I identify?</li></ul>

<b>Computing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improving Mouse Skills</li> </ul>
<b>PE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attack, Defend, Shoot.</li> <li>Send and Return.</li> </ul> <p><b>P.E. is every Wednesday, please ensure your child leaves their P.E. kit in school.</b></p>
<b>Music</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Timbre and rhythmic patterns (Theme: Fairytales)</li> </ul>
<b>History/Geography</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the weather like?</li> <li>How have explorers changed the world?</li> </ul>
<b>PSHE/RSHE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NSPCC</li> <li>Dog Safety</li> <li>Religious understanding</li> <li>Personal Relationships,</li> <li>Keeping Safe.</li> </ul> <p>Please refer to the school website if you would like to look at the TenTen resources we use and the learning objectives covered.</p>
<b>Art</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sculpture and 3D: Paper play</li> </ul>
<b>DT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Textiles: Puppets</li> </ul>
<b>Homework</b>	<p><b>Reading:</b> 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. <b>It is vital that you read with your child every day and sign their reading record to evidence this.</b></p> <p><b>Online Reading:</b> Alongside your child's school reading books please use Oxford Owl to access more books- your child's login can be found in their reading record.</p> <p><b>Maths and English:</b> Each child has been given a Maths and English homework booklet. This is to be kept in their book bag. Homework tasks will be set every Friday to be completed for the following Friday.</p> <p><b>Spelling &amp; Grammar:</b> Your child will receive an additional task linked to their learning in class. This will have a focus on spelling rules and grammar. Please note this will replace the spellings the children practiced last term.</p>
<b>Attendance and Punctuality</b>	<p>This year we have a school target of <b>97%</b> 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. If there is a cause for concern about your child's punctuality you will be contacted to discuss this matter.</p>
<b>Other Information</b>	<p><b>26th Jan</b> - Vocations Week  <b>Week Beg 2nd Mar</b> - R-Y4 Parents Reading Afternoon Sessions  <b>5th March</b> - World Book Day  <b>Thurs 12th Mar</b> - Easter Fair Fundraiser  <b>Parents Consultation:</b> Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March  <b>Year 1 Mass: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b></p>

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

Yours sincerely, Mrs Catling, Mrs Riches & Mrs Reid