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Year 1 Curriculum Information Letter – Summer 2026

Dear Parents,

We hope you have had a joyful Easter break spent with family and friends. The children have returned to school ready for their final term in Year 1! We are looking forward to another exciting term filled with lots of new learning and perfecting the skills we have acquired so far. We will also be making the most of the good weather by taking some of our learning outdoors.

RE	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 including the way Easter and Pentecost are celebrated in the Church. We are continuing to take part in the new RE curriculum pilot so we will be re-visiting the early life of Jesus through the theme of Prophecy and Promise.
English	<p>Summer Texts: The Secret of Black Rock by Joe Todd-Stanton & The Last Wolf by Mini Grey. Using these texts as a stimulus we will complete a return narrative and a diary entry 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> <p>We will focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handwriting and presentation • Using a variety of conjunctions • Using the prefix un and suffixes (ing, ed, er, est) with increasing independence • Spelling Year 1 common exception words • Learning and reciting poetry by heart • Reading and writing a variety of texts (instructions, letters, recounts and poems). • Making inferences based on what the characters do and say <p>The Year 1 Phonics Screening Test will take place later this term. Please support you child by reading on a daily basis and revising their sound gaps. Thank you.</p>
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number: multiplication and division (multiples of 2, 5, and 10). • Number: fractions • Geometry: Position and direction • Number: Place value (within 100) • Measurement: Money • Time (o'clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past).
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seasonal Change • Plants
RSHE/PSHE	<p>Created to live in community: Who are the special people that work in my community?</p>

	Who is my neighbour? The communities we live in. We will also be covering the topics of Fire Safety and Water Safety.
Computing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creating media through digital imagery: which includes, planning a photo story, taking photos, editing photos, searching for photos and creating a photo collage.
PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Games and Athletics Full P.E. kit must be left in school. P.E. is every Wednesday .
Art	Painting and Mixed Media <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigating how to mix secondary colors Exploring colour when printing Applying painting skills when working in the style of an artist.
Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is it like to live in Shanghai?
History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How have explorers changed the world?
Design and Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cooking and Nutrition-Smoothies

Homework	<p>Reading: Please continue to send your child's reading bag into school every day. We will be hearing the children read regularly and will be changing the reading books when appropriate. Please log any home reading on Boom Reader. Remember to use Oxford Owl for additional digital reading material.</p> <p>Spelling: Your child will receive an additional task linked to their learning in class. This will have a focus on spelling rules. 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: Please continue to work through the English and Maths homework books your child has. Homework will be checked every Friday. Supplementary tasks may also be set via Class Dojo, so please check this platform regularly.</p> <p>Wider Curriculum: During the half term break, research project challenges will be set. This additional research will make a vast improvement to your child's engagement and enjoyment of learning within the topic. We have loved seeing the wonderful project completed over the last terms! Thank you for your support with homework.</p>
Attendance and Punctuality	We have a school attendance target of 97% . It is very important that your child attends school every day that they are fit and well. Pupils with attendance of less than 90% are regarded by the Government as having Persistent Absence and pupils with attendance in danger of falling to this level will be invited into school. All pupils who achieve attendance of 100% will receive a certificate at the end of term, Good Luck
Other information	Church Visit – Tuesday 28 th April Year 1 Mass- Thursday 21 st May (9am) Sports Day – Friday 26 th June - morning Year 1 Class Trip –TBC

Many thanks for supporting and encouraging your child to do their best in school. If you have any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to let us know via email.

Yours sincerely, Mrs Riches, Mrs Catling & Mrs Parveen