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**Curriculum Information Letter – Year 1 2019-20**

Dear Parents,

We would like to welcome you back to school. We hope that you and your family have had an enjoyable holiday. 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   The children will also be preparing a class Mass each half term and taking part in the Christmas Nativity play. |
| **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 sums 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   Full P.E. kit needs to be in school for every P.E. lesson.  **P.E. is every Monday**.  Please check that items of clothing are marked with your child’s name. |
| **Music** | * Exploring the beat and rhythm in a variety of songs * Using their voices and percussion instruments to make a range of sounds * Appraising a variety of music * Learning Christmas hymns and songs |
| **History/Geography** | * How can I use a world map to locate continents around the world? * What were homes like in the past? |

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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 has been given a spelling pack. Please help them learn the spellings for each week. There will be a test every Thursday.  **Maths and English:** Each child has been given a homework folder. This is to be kept in their book bag. Homework tasks will be set every Friday to be completed for the following Friday.  **Reading eggs and Mathletics:** We pay a subscription for each child so please make use of these interactive online resources, as and when you feel necessary. Login details are in your child’s reading diary. |
| **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. School starts **at 8.55 am-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**: Tues 22nd and Wed 23rd Oct (3.30-6.00pm)  **Mass:** Thursday 3rd October9am, Thursday 28th November 9am. |

If you have any questions please speak to me informally at the end of the day or make an appointment through the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Millar