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**Curriculum Information Letter –Spring 2023-2024**

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.

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| **RE** | The children will cover the following topics:   * Christmas * Jesus the teacher and healer * Prayer * Lent * Holy week |
| **English** | The children will be working on their reading, word recognition, writing and sounds. They will focus on:   * Using a variety of punctuation * Ensuring letters are equal in size and tall letters stand tall * Forming all capital letters correctly * Reading with increasing independence and answering questions related to the text * Using the prefix un * Using suffixes (ing, ed, er, est) * Spelling Year 1 common exception words * Writing a variety of texts (stories, non-fiction, lists and letters).   Spring term authors: Eileen Brown and Shirley Hughes. |
| **Maths** | * Number: addition and subtraction within 20 * Number: place value within 50 * Counting in 2, 5 and 10 * Measurement: length and height * Measurement: weight and volume |
| **Science** | * Observing seasonal change * What everyday materials can I identify? |
| **Computing** | * Developing keyboard and mouse skills * Developing basic coding skills (Algorithms) |
| **PE** | * Attack, Defend, Shoot. * Send and Return.   **P.E. is every Wednesday, please ensure your child leaves their P.E. kit in school.** |
| **Music** | * Timbre and rhythmic patterns (Theme: Fairytales) |
| **History/Geography** | * How can I use a world map to locate continents around the world? * Who are the famous UK queens? |
| **PSHE/RSHE** | * Life Cycles, * Personal Relationships, * Keeping Safe.   Please refer to the school website if you would like to look at the TenTen resources we use and the learning objectives covered. |
| **Art** | * Craft and design: Embellishments. |

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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. **It is vital that you read with your child every day and sign their reading record to evidence this.**  **Online Reading:** 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.  **Spelling:** Your child has been given a spelling pack. Please help them learn the spellings for each week. There will be a test every **Friday**.  **Maths and English:** 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. |
| **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 **8.45 am,** with the register closing at **8.55.** Finishing time is **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**: Tuesday 12th March and Wednesday 13th March (3.30-6.00pm)  **Year 1 Mass:** Thursday 29th February |

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

Yours sincerely,

Miss Mann.