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**Curriculum Information Letter – Autumn 2019**

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 new topics.

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| **RE** | We will be listening to and talking about stories from the Old Testament. Thinking about how God helped Noah, Abraham, David, Daniel and Jonah. Finding out about the lives of Mary, Joseph and the friends of Jesus. As well as discussing the lives of the Saints and learning about the life of Saint Therese and preparing for Christmas during the time of Advent. |
| **English** | **Reading:** We will be reading daily together in small groups and individually to develop their comprehension skills. Reading and answering questions on a set text. Reading aloud to an audience and alone quietly. Children will read at least 3 times a week with an adult and reading bags will be changed over this period so please make sure the reading bag is in school every day in order for books to be changed regularly. Our class text this term will be ‘The owl who was afraid of the dark’.  **Writing:** We will be developing their independent writing skills. Retelling and rewriting familiar stories. Thinking about story settings and characters. Writing new endings to familiar stories and learning handwriting joins.  **Grammar/Punctuation/Spelling:** We will focus onnouns, noun phrase statements, questions, exclamations, command compounds, suffixes adjectives, adverbs, verb tenses (past, present) apostrophes and commas. The use of capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks to demarcate sentences. Commas to separate items in a list. Apostrophes to mark where letters are missing in spelling and to mark singular possession in nouns [for example, the girl’s name]. |
| **Maths** | Ordering and writing numbers to 100 and beyond. Counting in steps of 2, 3, and 5 from 0, and in tens from any number, forward and backward. Recognising number value and recording place value. Doubling and halving numbers to solve number problems. Recognising and describing 2D and 3D shapes. Problem solving using addition and subtraction. Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables. Solve simple problems in a practical context involving addition and subtraction of money of the same unit, including giving change. |
| **Science** | **Animals including humans:** To recognise that they have offspring which grow into adults. Find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air). Describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene. |
| **Computing** | E-Safety  Programming on screen (Moving an object on the screen) |
| **PE** | **Dance and Gymnastics:** Pupils will have P.E every Wednesday. Pupils will need to ensure that they have the correct P.E kit which includes green/black shorts, yellow/white T-shirt and black pumps. This should stay in school for the duration of the half term. |
| **Music** | Hands, Feet, Heart |
| **History** | The Great Fire of London |
| **Geography** | Where do I live? |

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| **Homework** | **Reading:** Pupils will read independently 2 times weeklywith an adult. Please ensure you sign the diary to say that you have read with your child.  **Spelling:** Pupils have been given a spelling booklet with their weekly spellings inside which will be tested on a Friday.  **X Tables:** Pupils will be given times tables on a Friday and will be tested on a Friday.  **Other:** Pupils have been given an English and Math’s homework book which will be set in class each Friday and they will mark this in class 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. 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** | **Class Mass- Thursday 26th September and Thursday 12th December 2019**  **Class Assembly- Friday 18th October 2019 Library Visit- Monday 7th October** |

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

Yours sincerely,

Miss Geoghegan (Class Teacher)

Miss Mckeown (Learning Support Assistant)