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**Curriculum Information Letter Spring 2023**

Dear Parents,

We would like to welcome you back to school. 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 be:* Learning about the Christmas story
* Exploring the different parts of the Mass that we celebrate together in our ‘We Listen to God’s Word in Mass’ Unit.
* Finding out how Catholics prepare for Easter during the Season of Lent.
* Understanding and recalling the key events in Holy Week.
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| **English** | The children will be:* Learning to spell contracted words using apostrophes and spelling words from the Y3 spelling list.
* Reading daily in class becoming increasing familiar with a wide range of books, including ‘Bill’s New Frock’ and ‘George’s Marvellous Medicine’, and retelling some of these orally.
* Discussing words and phrases that capture the reader’s interest and imagination; checking that the text makes sense by discussing and by explaining the meaning of words in context. Asking questions to improve my understanding of a text.
* Planning writing by discussing writing similar to that which they are planning to write, in order to understand and learn from its structure, vocabulary and grammar.
* Using time conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to write instructions.
* Writing dialogues between characters using inverted commas.
* Proof-read my writing and identifying spelling and punctuation errors.
* Practicing daily the Y3 handwriting joins to produce joined cursive writing.
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| **Maths** | The children will be:* Multiplying 2-digit by 1-digit numbers, with exchanging.
* Dividing –digit by 1-digit numbers, with exchanging.
* Adding and subtracting length; measuring and finding equivalent lengths.
* Measuring and calculating perimeter.
* Recognising unit and non-unit fractions. Finding equivalent fractions.
* Measuring, adding and subtracting mass, capacity and volume.
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| **Science** | The children will be discovering:* What do animals including humans need to grow?
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| **Computing** | The children will be:* Learning how to programme using Scratch.
* Learning about Networks and the Internet.
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| **PE** | The children will be: * Covering the topics of Tag Rugby and Badminton

 Please make sure your child that your child wears their PE kit to school on Fridays. |
| **Music**  | The children will be: * Learning to play the recorder – every Thursday a recorder teacher will be working with Y3.
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| **French** | The children will be:* Learning about French adjectives of colour, size and shape.
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| **History/Geography** | The children will be investigating:* How did people live in Prehistoric Britain? What was similar /different to modern day life?
* Who are our European neighbours?
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| **PSHE** | TenTen Unit: ‘Created to Love Others’* Religious Understanding
* Personal Relationships
* Keeping Safe
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| **Homework** | Each week children will receive the following homework:  * Home reading books and reading diaries must be in school every day. Reading book will be changed on their timetabled day.
* Spelling homework will be given out each Tuesday and tested on the following Tuesday.
* One piece of Maths and English Homework will be given each Tuesday and corrected with the children on the following Tuesday.
* The children will be tested on their times table knowledge on Tuesdays, focusing on the 3, 4 and 8 times tables.
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| **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. Please see the updated documents for starting and finishing times for Year 3. If there is a cause for concern about your child’s punctuality you will be contacted to discuss this matter. |
| **Other Information** | Year 3 Class Masses:* Thursday 2nd February: The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)
* Thursday 23rd March

Year 3 Trip to Balsall Heath Library: Wednesday 8th February Spring Parent Consultations- Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th March as per booked appointmentYear 3’s weekly visit to our school library is on Monday afternoons. Please ensure that your child brings in their library books on Mondays for changing. |

If you have any questions please contact the school office via email or telephone call.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Treacy

(Year 3 Class Teacher)