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**Curriculum Information Letter – Year 4 Autumn 2023**

Dear Parents,

We would like to welcome you back to school and hope that you and your family are well and have had an enjoyable summer break!

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** | We shall be completing 4 units from our scheme **‘Learning and Growing as the People of God’** this term: Creation and the story of Abraham to Joseph, Jesus teaches us how to pray, Advent and Christmas. |
| **English** | **Reading:** This term, Year 4 are reading ‘James and the Giant Peach’ by Roald Dahl. If possible, please encourage your child to enjoy other stories by Dahl in order to gain a breadth of knowledge about the author.  **Writing:** The children will be taught a range of writing genres (fiction and non-fiction) based on our key texts. Genres include narrative fiction, instructions, newspaper reports, biographies and narrative poetry.  **Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling** will be based on the Programme of Study for Year 4. |
| **Maths** | This term, our areas of focus will be:  **Number and Place Value**, **Addition** & **Subtraction**, **Multiplication** & **Division**, **Reasoning** and **Problem Solving**.  Please support your child with learning/practicing their **times tables** regularly as this will be tested weekly and will aid much of their mathematical learning. |
| **Science** | Autumn 1: **Electricity**  Autumn 2: **States of Matter** |
| **Computing** | **Online Safety** and **Computing Systems and Networks: Journey inside a Computer.** |
| **PE** | **September: Swimming**.  **October onwards:** P.E will take place every **Friday** so please ensure your child has the correct kit. A letter should be provided if your child is unable to participate in P.E for a medical reason. Topics to be taught this term are **Dance** and **Gymnastics**. |
| **Music** | **Ballads:** what ballads are, how to identify their features and how to convey different emotions when performing them. |
| **PSHE** | Autumn 1: **British Values**  Autumn 2: **Unit 1:** **Religious Understanding** |
| **French** | Children will develop their understanding of spoken and written French and work towards using spoken language with confidence and accuracy. |
| **History/**  **Geography** | Autumn 1: **What is the history of Moseley, our local area?**  Autumn 2: **What can I find out about volcanoes?**  Children are invited to research these topics out of school and bring in any information they have collected using their research books. |
| **Art & Design Technology** | In Art we will be developing skills in **drawing** and **painting and mixed media.**  For DT, the children will be **designing & making *a* glow worm light** (linking into our class text, ‘James and the Giant Peach’). |

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| **Homework** | **Reading:** Each child will read daily in either whole class sessions, small groups or individually. Reading records will be checked daily to ensure home reading is taking place. **Please read with your child every day and sign their reading diary. Reading books must be brought to school every day.**  **Spelling:** Weekly spelling lists will be given out on **Fridays** and tested the following **Friday**. Spellings are handed out and posted on Seesaw each week.  **Times Tables:** All times tables up to 12 should be learnt by the end of Year 4. Further to this, children should know the inverse operations for each multiplication calculation. This will be tested weekly.  **Other: Maths and English** homework will be given out on a Friday and should be completed and returned the following Friday, unless requested for a specific date.  Spelling lists and homework pages are posted on Seesaw each week |
| **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 8.40** and finishes at **3.20pm.** Please be aware of these new timings and make necessary adjustments to ensure that your child is here on time.  If there is a cause for concern about your child’s punctuality you will be contacted to discuss this matter. |
| **What to remember each day:** | **Reading books must be brought to school every day please**  **Tuesday:** Swimming  **October onwards: Friday:** PE  **Friday:** Spelling test  **Friday:** Homework due in |
| **Other dates:** | **Class Masses:** Thursday 21st September, Thursday 30th November  **Parent Consultations:** Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th October 2023 |

If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to email us using enquiry@stjonmon.bham.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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