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Year 4 Curriculum Information Letter – Autumn 2026

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.

RE	This term, Year 4 will continue following the new RE curriculum and develop their understanding of the Liturgical Year as a celebration of the Life of Christ. We will explore Creation and Covenant, reflecting on the wonder of creation, our responsibility to care for the world, and our special relationship with God. We will also revisit the early life of Jesus through Prophecy and Promise, exploring how His birth was foretold and why His coming was so important. Alongside this, we will learn about the lives of Saint Cecilia, our class Saint, and prepare for Christmas during the season of Advent.
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 a Setting narrative, newspaper report, outsider narrative and information report. 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
PE	P.E will take place every Thursday with Yoga on 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	Recorders – Year 4 content
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: How did the achievements of the ancient Maya impact their society and beyond? (History) Autumn 2: What are rivers and how are they used? (Geography) 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: powerprints. For DT, the children will be will be developing skills on Structures: Pavilions.

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 make a comment on Boomreader. Reading books must be brought to school every day. Spelling: Weekly spelling lists will be given out on Fridays. Spellings are handed out and posted on Dojo 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 Thursday, unless requested for a specific date. Spelling lists and homework are posted on Dojo 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 8.40am and finishes at 3.20pm. 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 Thursday: Homework due in Thursday: PE Friday: Yoga
Other dates:	Class Masses 9am: Thursday 8th October and Thursday 26th November Parent Consultations: Tuesday 13th October & Wednesday 14th October 2026 Swimming Week- Monday 9th November – Friday 13th November 2026 KS2 Carol Concert: Wednesday 16th December 2026 2.15pm More information on above to follow

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to email me at enquiry@stjonmon.bham.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Hallahan