

# SS John & Monica Catholic Primary School

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## Curriculum Information Letter – Year 5 Autumn 2025

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 any new topics.

<p><b>RE</b></p>	<p>In the first half of the term the children will be studying the unit <b>Desert to Garden</b> where we will look at how we can listen to God's call to return to Him during Lent. We will also look at what it means to Sin and how we can think of Jesus as our guide. We will also explore the sacrifice Jesus made for us and how we can live with love and courage like Him.</p>
<p><b>English</b></p>	<p><b>Reading:</b> This term we will be reading a selection of different texts. Texts include poetry, biographies/ autobiographies, diaries, accounts, instructions and explanations, non-chronological reports and narratives. Our class text will be <b>Carrie's War by Nina Bawden</b>. Each child will read in class in either whole class sessions, small groups or individually. Reading records via Boom Reader will be checked regularly. Please ensure you child <b>spends a minimum of 10 minutes a day</b> reading and log on Boom reader accordingly. Myon can also be used to supplement their home reading.</p> <p><b>Writing:</b> Our written work will include various short pieces linked to <b>Father by Grahame Baker-Smith</b> and <b>When we Walked on the Moon by David Long</b> developing our understanding of both the impact of our writing on the reader as well as the purpose of our work.</p> <p>Grammar/Punctuation/Spelling: Year 5 will follow the Programme of Study for Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling. Spellings taught each week will be sent out for children to practice at home- we will have no formal weekly spelling test.</p>
<p><b>Maths</b></p>	<p>Topics that we will study in Autumn term include Place Value (including Roman Numerals), Addition and subtraction, multiplication and division and fractions.</p> <p>Children should be learning or revising their multiplication facts and corresponding division facts at home to 12x12.</p> <p><b>Please test your children as much as possible on these facts as they will be tested weekly.</b></p>
<p><b>Science</b></p>	<p>Autumn 1: <b>What is a force?</b> Autumn 2: <b>Properties of materials</b></p>

<b>Computing</b>	<b>Digital Literacy and Citizenship</b> - including online safety and creating strong passwords
<b>PE</b>	P.E will take place every <b>Wednesday</b> so please ensure your child has the correct kit (a separate letter has gone out with information about this). 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. Children will also be taking part in Yoga on a <b>Friday</b> so please ensure your child wears P.E kit on this day also.
<b>French</b>	Children will develop their understanding of spoken and written French and work towards using spoken language with confidence and accuracy.
<b>History/Geography</b>	Autumn : <b>What was the impact of World War 2 on the people of Britain?</b> Children are invited to research these topics out of school and bring in any information they have collected using their research books.
<b>RSHE/PSHE</b>	British Values – Mutual Respect and Democracy RSHE – Me, my body, my health, Emotional wellbeing and Life cycles. PSHE – Prevent and Road Safety
<b>Homework</b>	<b>Reading:</b> Regularly throughout the week please log on Boom Reader <b>Spelling:</b> Daily – <b>Spelling Set on Friday (Please bring spelling books in for checking on a Wednesday).</b> <b>X/÷ Facts:</b> Daily <b>Other: Maths homework</b> is set each Wednesday and due the following <b>Monday</b> <b>English homework</b> is set each <b>Friday</b> and due the following <b>Wednesday</b>
<b>Attendance and Punctuality</b>	This year we have a school target of <b>97%</b> 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. Currently for Year 5 school starts <b>at 8.40am until 3.20pm.</b> If there is a cause for concern about your child's punctuality you will be contacted to discuss this matter.
<b>Other Information</b>	<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b> – Year 5 Mass <b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Oct</b> - World Mental Health Day - Wear yellow for children's mental health supporting Young Minds Charity (£1.00 donation) <b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October</b> – Parent Consultations <b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b> - Favourite Games/Toy afternoon (£1.00 donation) <b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b> – KS2 Theatre trip <b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b> – KS2 Carol Concert  More information on above to follow

If you have any questions please speak to either of us informally in the playground at the end of the day or email the school office at [enquiry@stjonmon.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@stjonmon.bham.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely,

Mr Walsh and Mrs Ali