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Curriculum Information Letter – Year 5 Autumn 2026

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.

RE	This term, the children will be studying the branch titled Creation and Covenant . They will explore the story of Moses and the Ten Commandments , learning about God's covenant with his people and how the Commandments guide us to love God, make good choices and treat others with respect and fairness .
English	Reading: 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 Carrie's War by Nina Bawden . 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 <u>spends a minimum of 10 minutes a day</u> reading and log on Boom reader accordingly. Myon is a <u>free</u> book resource and can also be used to supplement their home reading. Writing: Our written work will include various short pieces linked to FARThER by Grahame Baker-Smith and When we Walked on the Moon by David Long developing our understanding of both the impact of our writing on the reader as well as the purpose of our work. 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.
Maths	Topics that we will study in Autumn term include Place Value (including Roman Numerals), Addition and subtraction, multiplication and division and fractions . Children should be learning or revising their multiplication facts and corresponding division facts at home to 12x12.
Science	Autumn 1: What is a force? Autumn 2: Properties of materials
Computing	Digital Literacy and Citizenship - including online safety and creating strong passwords

PE	P.E will take place every Monday so please ensure your child has the correct kit. Topics to be taught this term are Dance and Gymnastics . Children will also be taking part in Balance and Flexibility on a Friday so please ensure your child wears P.E kit on this day too. A letter should be provided if your child is unable to participate in P.E for a medical reason
French	Children will develop their understanding of spoken and written French and work towards using spoken language with confidence and accuracy.
History/Geography	History: What was the impact of World War 2 on the people of Britain? Geography: What is it like in the Alps? Children are invited to research these topics out of school and bring in any information they have collected to share with the class.
RSHE/PSHE	British Values – Mutual Respect and Democracy RSHE – Me, my body, my health, Emotional wellbeing and Life cycles. PSHE – Prevent and Road Safety
Music	Music sessions with Mr Sullivan weekly
Art	Painting and mixed media: Portraits
DT	Electrical systems: Doodlers

Homework	Reading: Regularly throughout the week please log on Boom Reader Spelling: Daily – Spelling Set on Friday (Please bring spelling books in for checking on a Thursday). Maths and English homework booklets are set each Friday and due the following Thursday
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. Currently for Year 5 school starts at 8.40am until 3.20pm . If there is a cause for concern about your child's punctuality you will be contacted to discuss this matter.
Other Information	Thursday 24th September – Year 5 Mass 9am Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th October – Parent Consultations Friday 23rd October – School Closed for INSET Week Commencing 2nd November – Year 5 Swimming (in school) Thursday 12th November – Year 5 Mass 9am Wednesday 16th December – KS2 Carol Concert 2.15pm 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

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Litchfield, Mr Ullah and Mrs Ali