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**Curriculum Information Letter – Year 5 Spring 2024**

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.

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| **RE** | In the first half of the term the children will be studying **Christmas**, **Baptism and Parables and Sayings of Jesus**. In the second half of the term the children will study **The work of the Apostles** as well as **Lent and Easter** |
| **English** | **Reading:** Thisterm 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 **Holes by Louis Sachar**. Each child will read in class in either whole class sessions, small groups or individually. Reading records will be checked regularly. **Please spend a minimum of 10 minutes a day listening to your child read and sign their records accordingly. The children should be completing their reading activities as explained in the letter in their diary. Myon can also be used to supplement their home reading- see letter in diary.**  **Writing:** Our writing this term will include developing description, writing letters conveying an argument, recounting events and investigations as well as developing our own narratives.  **Grammar/Punctuation/Spelling:** Spelling lists will be given out weekly and children will be expected to learn these ready for testing. We ask that parents support their children in learning spellings every week. |
| **Maths** | Topics that we will study in Spring term include Fractions, Multiplication and Division ,Decimals and Percentages, Statistics, and Perimeter and Area.  Children should be learning or revising their multiplication facts and corresponding division facts at home to 12x12.  **Please test your children as much as possible on these facts as they will be using them in fluency sessions.** |
| **Science** | Spring 1: **How do plants and animals reproduce?**  Spring 2: **Why do we age?** |
| **Computing** | In computing, we will be looking at Computer systems and networks, and programming. |
| **PE** | P.E will take place every **Thursday** 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 Handball and Cricket. |
| **French** | Children will develop their understanding of spoken and written French and work towards using spoken language with confidence and accuracy. |
| **History/Geography** | Spring : **How and why do Natural disasters occur?**  Children are invited to research these topics out of school and bring in any information they have collected using their research books. |
| **PSHE** | Girls and Boys’ bodies, keeping safe and personal relationships. |

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| **Homework** | **Reading:** Regularly throughout the week  **Spelling:** Daily – **Spelling test Fridays**  **X/÷ Facts:** Daily  **Other:** Both Literacy and Maths homework will be set weekly each Friday. Children will have a week to complete the tasks given which will be in their homework books. Children will also be set a weekly Flashback 30 quiz to recap learning from the week and previous term/years. |
| **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 8.40 am 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** | **Forest School –** Every Tuesday throughout Spring 1.  **Year 5 Mass –** Thursday 18th January  **Reading Open Week –** W/C Monday 26th February  **Church Visit with Year 1 –** Tuesday 12th March  **Parent Consultations –** Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th March  **Year 5 Mass-** Thursday 14th March |

If you have any questions please speak to either of us informally in the playground at the end of the day or make an appointment through the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Walsh and Mrs Ali