

# SS John & Monica Catholic Primary School

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## Curriculum Information Letter – Year 5 Spring 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.

<b>RE</b>	<p>We will be developing the children's understanding of the Liturgical year as a celebration of the Life of Christ.</p> <p>This term in Religious Education, we are beginning a new unit called Dialogue and Encounter. In this unit, pupils will explore different faiths and belief systems, learning about their key beliefs and practices, and developing skills of respectful dialogue, understanding, and empathy.</p> <p>We will be learning about the Christmas story, finding out how Catholics prepare for Easter during the Season of Lent and understanding and recalling the key events in Holy Week.</p>
<b>English</b>	<p><b>Reading:</b> This term we will be reading <b>The Hound of the Baskervilles</b> and <b>The Promise</b>. We will be writing narratives, a report and letters based on this. In Shared Reading, our class text will be <b>Holes by Louis Sachar</b>. Each child will read in class in either whole class sessions, small groups or individually. Reading records will be checked regularly. <b>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.</b></p> <p><b>Writing:</b> Our writing this term will include letters, recounting events and investigations as well as developing our own narratives.</p>
<b>Maths</b>	<p>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.</p> <p><b>Please test your children as much as possible on these facts as they will be using them in fluency sessions.</b></p>
<b>Science</b>	<p>Spring 1: <b>How does the Earth Move?</b></p> <p>Spring 2: <b>How do Plants and animals reproduce?</b></p>
<b>Computing</b>	<p>In computing, we will be looking at Computer systems, search engines and networks.</p>

<b>PE</b>	P.E will take place every <b>Wednesday</b> 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.
<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>	Spring : <b>Why do our Oceans matter?</b> <b>History: Were the Vikings raiders, traders or settlers?</b> Children are invited to research these topics out of school and bring in any information they have collected using their research books.
<b>PSHE</b>	Girls and Boys' bodies, keeping safe and personal relationships.
<b>Homework</b>	<b>Reading:</b> Regularly throughout the week <b>English and Spelling:</b> Weekly homework, set on a Wednesday, due in the following Monday. <b>Maths:</b> Weekly homework, set on a Friday, due in the following Wednesday. <b>X/÷ Facts:</b> Daily
<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. School starts <b>at 8.40 am 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>Forest School</b> – Every Tuesday throughout Spring 1. <b>Vocations Week</b> – W/B 26 <sup>th</sup> January. <b>World Book Day</b> - Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March <b>Year 5 Service of the Word</b> – Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March (Spring 2) <b>Easter Fair Fundraiser</b> – Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March. <b>Parent Consultations</b> – Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March

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: [enquiry@stjonmon.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@stjonmon.bham.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely,

Mr Walsh and Mrs Ali