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**Curriculum Information Letter – Year 5 Summer 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.

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| **RE** | We will be developing the children’s understanding of the Liturgical year as a celebration of the Life of Christ. We will look at the symbols of the Church including the way Easter and Pentecost are celebrated in the Church.  We are continuing to take part in the new RE curriculum pilot so we will be learning about the role of kingship in Israel and how David was chosen by God, the connection between David and Jesus as shepherd kings, and how biblical imagery and Church tradition (like the Psalms, Rosary, and O Antiphons) help Christians understand Jesus as the promised Messiah. In Summer 2, we will also be carrying out our Multi-Faith work on Hinduism. |
| **English** | **Reading:** Thisterm we will be reading a selection of different texts. Texts include The Promise and The Lost Book of Adventure. Our class text will be Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone by J. K Rowling. 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.**  **Writing:** Our writing this term will include ensuring accurate punctuation and development of editing skills. This will be achieved through our incidental writes, narratives and formal non-fiction style pieces.  **Grammar/Punctuation/Spelling:** Children now learn their spellings three times a week within school. On a Friday, they will be given a set of words to practice by using them within sentences and bringing them in by the following Thursday. We ask that parents support their children in learning spellings every week. |
| **Maths** | Topics that we will study in Summer term include: Shape, Position and Direction, Decimals, Negative Numbers, Converting Units and Volume.  Children should be learning or revising their multiplication facts and corresponding division facts at home to 12x12, including practicing on Times Table rockstars.  **Please test your children as much as possible on these facts as they will be tested.** |
| **Science** | Summer 1: **Why do we age?**  Summer 2: **How are materials formed and why do they change?** |
| **Computing** | In computing, we will be looking at programming and data handling. |
| **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 Cricket, Athletics and Outdoor Adventure Activities. In Summer, Year 5 will also be taking part in balance and flexibility, which means children will need to also wear P.E. kit on a **Friday**. |
| **French** | Children will develop their understanding of spoken and written French and work towards using spoken language with confidence and accuracy. |
| **History/Geography** | Summer: Geography – Would you live in a hot desert?  Children are invited to research these topics out of school and bring in any information they have collected using their research books. |
| **PSHE** | Understanding others, personal relationships and keeping safe |

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| **Homework** | **Reading:** Regularly throughout the week  **Spelling:** Daily – **Books in on a Thursday.**  **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 either be in their homework books or online using Seesaw. |
| **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 8.40 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** | **Year 5 Mass – Thursday 8th May (9am)**  **Active Curriculum Day – Friday 16th May**  **Church Visit – Tuesday 20th May**  **Year 5 Swimming lessons – Week commencing 9th June**  **Sports Day – Friday 13th June (10.45am)**  **Safeside trip – Wednesday 18th June**  **Mandir visit – Wednesday 25th June**  **Transition Day – Wednesday 2nd July**  **Bikeability – Week commencing 7th July**  **Dudley Zoo Trip – Wednesday 16th July** |

If you have any questions please speak to any of us informally in the playground at the end of the day or email me through the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Walsh and Miss Herbert.