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**EYFS Curriculum Information Letter – Spring 2019**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school. We hope that you and your family have had an enjoyable Christmas holiday and New Year. 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 new topics.

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| **RE** | We will be covering the following topic:* Christmas
* Baptism
* Lent
* Holy Week
* Easter
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| **English** | **Reading:** The children will be become increasingly confident in the following areas of reading:* Linking sounds to letters and hearing and saying the initial sounds in words (Phase 3 sounds)
* Sounding out simple words (Phase 3 words)
* Building a bank of sight words (Keyword Booklets)
* Predicting the next part of a story
* Discussing characters and events
* Reading and retelling a range of traditional tales.

Please bring your child’s book bag to school every day. **Writing:** This term the children will be spelling simple words using the sounds they know.We will be attempting to write lists, labels and captions. The children will also begin learning how to structure simple sentences with finger spaces, full stops and capital letters. |
| **Maths** | The children will be covering the following topics:* Recognising, ordering, writing and counting with numbers to 20.
* 1 more or less than a given number to 20
* Number bonds to 10
* Measure – height, length and capacity
* Early addition and subtraction (number bonds)
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| **Communication & Language** | The children will be encouraged to follow stories without pictures or props, anticipate key events and discuss what they have heard. The children will have opportunity to listen to ideas expressed by others and respond in conversation. The children will be exploring and building banks of new vocabulary which they can use to develop their own explanations and responses.  |
| **Personal, Emotional and Social Development** | This term the children will be encouraged to explain their own knowledge and understanding and ask appropriate questions of others. Children will be asked to speak in groups of varying size and work as part of a group to complete given tasks**.**  |
| **Computing** | Children will have access to the school’s ICT suite and I Pads. We will be focusing on the following outcomes:* Good mouse control (selecting, clicking, dragging)
* Typing our names
* Printing
* Beginning to log onindependently
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| **PE** | This terms focus is gymnastics. Parents must ensure their child has a full PE kit in school. The kit will remain in school until half term.  |
| **The World** | We will be covering the following topics:* Seasonal Change – changes in our environment from winter to spring.
* Chinese New Year
* Our local environment
* People and communities around us
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| **Homework** | **Reading:** Children will have reading books sent home, these will be changed when your child is familiar with the story and confident to discuss the characters and events.**Keywords**: Your child will be given 3 or 4 keywords to learn as sight words in their keyword booklet. Your child will be tested on each set of words on a weekly basis and new words will be given.  |
| **Attendance and Punctuality** | This year we have a school target of **97%** for pupils in Year R – 6. It is very important that your child attends school every day that they are fit and well. Pupils with attendance of less than 90% are regarded by the Government as having Persistent Absence and pupils with attendance in danger of falling to this level will be invited into school. |
| **Other Information** | **SPRING Parent’s Evening:** Monday 1st April and Tuesday 2nd April (to be booked online) |

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

Yours sincerely

Mrs Riches