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**Curriculum Information Letter – Autumn 2018-19**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you have all enjoyed the summer holiday.

I am pleased to say the children have settled well into their new classroom and new routines.

Below is an outline of the work we will be covering this term.

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| **RE** | The children will cover the following topics:   * The story of Creation * Families and Celebrations * Prayer and the Psalms * Advent and Christmas   The children will also be preparing a class Mass each half term and taking part in the Christmas Nativity play. |
| **English** | The children will be working on their reading, word recognition, writing and sounds. They will focus on:   * Writing sentences, lists and captions * Writing short stories and character descriptions * Letter formation of all the letters of the alphabet * How and when to use capital letters * Reading simple texts with increasing independence and accuracy * Spelling familiar words and using known letter sounds to spell   Autumn term authors: **Pie Corbett and Jill Murphy** |
| **Maths** | * Exploring place value within 10 * Solving addition and subtraction sums within 10 * Investigation the properties of shapes * Exploring place value within 20 * Applying skills to solve a range of reasoning problems * Completing problem solving tasks independently and in groups |
| **Science** | * Learning about animals including humans * Observing seasonal change |
| **Computing** | * E-safety * We are treasure hunters- using programmable toys |
| **PE** | * Balancing and completing simple sequences in Gymnastics   Full P.E. kit needs to be in school for every P.E. lesson.  P.E. is every **Tuesday.**  Please check that items of clothing are marked with your child’s name. |
| **Music** | * Exploring the beat and rhythm in a variety of songs * Using their voices and percussion instruments to make a range of sounds * Appraising a variety of music * Learning Christmas hymns and songs |
| **History** | * Homes in the past |
| **Geography** | * The four seasons |

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| **Homework** | **Reading:** Please continue to send your child’s reading bag into school every day. We will be hearing the children read daily and will be changing the reading books on a regular basis. The children will have high frequency words to read and each week and these will be checked and changed weekly.  **Spelling:** Every Friday your child will have a list of spellings to learn at home, these will be tested the following Friday.  **Maths and English:** Weekly homework will also be set every Friday to be completed and returned the following Tuesday. Homework may also be set online via Mathletics and Reading Eggs.  **Topic:** During the half term break research project challenges will be set. This additional research will make a vast improvement to your child’s engagement and enjoyment of learning within the topic.  We thank you for your support with homework. |
| **Attendance and Punctuality** | We have a school attendance target of **97%**. 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. All pupils who achieve attendance of 97%+ will be rewarded for excellent attendance! Good Luck ☺ |
| **Other information** | Parent reading meeting: Wednesday 26th September 2:30pm  History theme day: Friday 28th September – Junk modeling / research  Class Mass: Thursday 4th October 9:00am  Inspire workshop: Monday 8th October 9:15am  Class Mass: Thursday 15th November 9:00am |

Many thanks for supporting and encouraging your child to do their best in school. If you have any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see me after school.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Millar