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

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!

I hope you have all enjoyed the Christmas holiday and have had an enjoyable break.

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:   * Christmas * Sharing Jesus’ life * Lent * Holy week |
| **English** | The children will be working on their reading, word recognition, writing and sounds. They will focus on:   * Using a variety of punctuation * Ensuring letters are equal in size and tall letters stand tall * Forming all capital letters correctly * Reading with increasing independence and answering questions related to the text * Using the prefix un * Using suffixes (ing, ed, er, est) * Spelling Year 1 common exception words * Writing a variety of texts (stories, non-fiction, lists and letters).   Spring term authors: Eileen Brown and Shirley Hughes. |
| **Maths** | * Number: addition and subtraction within 20 * Number: place value within 50 * Counting in 2, 5 and 10 * Measurement: length and height * Measurement: weight and volume |
| **Science** | * Everyday materials * Observing seasonal change |
| **Computing** | * Sequencing instructions * Debugging (looking for errors in instructions and correcting them) * Saving information * Retrieving saved information |
| **PE** | * Dance   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 |
| **History** | * Castles |
| **Geography** | * Around the world |

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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.  **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 have loved seeing the wonderful project completed last term!  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** | Class Mass: Thursday 17th November 9:00am  Class assembly: Friday 15th February 9:15am  Class Mass: Thursday 14th March 9:00am  Parents evening: Monday 1st April and Tuesday 2nd April (3:30pm-6:30pm) |

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