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**Curriculum Information Letter – Autumn 2018**

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 new topics.

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| **RE** | We will be listening to and talking about stories from the Old Testament. Thinking about how God helped Noah, Abraham, David, Daniel and Jonah. Finding out about the lives of Mary, Joseph and the friends of Jesus. As well as discussing the lives of the Saints and learning about the life of Saint Therese and preparing for Christmas during the time of Advent. |
| **English** | **Reading:** We will be reading daily together in small groups and individually to develop their comprehension skills. Reading and answering questions on a set text. Reading aloud to an audience and alone quietly. Children will read at least 3 times a week with an adult and reading bags will be changed over this period so please make sure the reading bag is in school every day in order for books to be changed regularly. Our class text this term will be ‘The owl who was afraid of the dark’.  **Writing:** We will be developing their independent writing skills. Retelling and rewriting familiar stories. Thinking about story settings and characters. Writing new endings to familiar stories and learning handwriting joins.  **Grammar/Punctuation/Spelling:** We will focus onnouns, noun phrase statements, questions, exclamations, command compounds, suffixes adjectives, adverbs, verb tenses (past, present) apostrophes and commas. The use of capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks to demarcate sentences. Commas to separate items in a list. Apostrophes to mark where letters are missing in spelling and to mark singular possession in nouns [for example, the girl’s name]. |
| **Maths** | Ordering and writing numbers to 100 and beyond. Counting in steps of 2, 3, and 5 from 0, and in tens from any number, forward and backward. Recognising number value and recording place value. Doubling and halving numbers to solve number problems. Recognising and describing 2D and 3D shapes. Problem solving using addition and subtraction. Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables. Solve simple problems in a practical context involving addition and subtraction of money of the same unit, including giving change. |
| **Science** | **Animals including humans:** To recognise that they have offspring which grow into adults. Find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air). Describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene. |
| **Computing** | E-Safety  Programming on screen (Moving an object on the screen) |
| **PE** | **Dance and Gymnastics:** Pupils will have P.E every Thursday. Pupils will need to ensure that they have the correct P.E kit which includes green/black shorts, yellow/white T-shirt and black pumps. This should stay in school for the duration of the half term. |
| **Music** | Hands, Feet, Heart by Joanna Mangona – A Song That Celebrates South African Music. Babushka - The Musical by Ruth Kenward - A Christmas Production |
| **History** | Communication Then and Now |
| **Geography** | Let’s go to the Arctic |

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| **Homework** | **Reading:** Daily reading with an adult for 5-10 minutes. Please ensure you sign the diary to say that you have read with your child.  **Spelling:** Pupils will be given spellings on a Monday and will be tested on a Friday.  **X Tables:** Pupils will be given times tables on a Monday and will be tested on a Friday.  **Other:** Pupils will be given a piece of English and Math’s homework on a Friday to be handed in on a Monday. |
| **Attendance and Punctuality** | This year we have a school target of **97%** for all pupils. 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 invited to the Annual Attendance Reward Visit for excellent attendance! Good Luck ☺ |
| **Other Information** | **Class Mass- Thursday 27th September 2018**  **Thursday 6th December 2018 Inspire Workshop- Monday 15th October 2018** |

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

Yours sincerely

Miss Geoghegan (Class Teacher)

Mrs Hodges (Teaching Assistant)