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**Curriculum Information Letter – Year 5 2019**

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** | In the first half of the term the children will be studying **Creation**, **The Miracles of Jesus** and **Sacraments of the Sick**. In the second half of the term the children will study **Baptism** as well as **Advent** and **Christmas**. |
| **English** | **Reading:** Thisterm we will be reading a selection of different texts. Texts include poetry, biographies, recounts, instructions and explanations. Our class text will be Carrie’s War by Nina Bawden. Each child will read on a daily basis in either whole class sessions, small groups or individually. Reading records will be checked daily. **Please spend a minimum of 10 minutes a day listening to your child read and sign their records accordingly.**  **Writing:** Our writing this term will include developing narrative structure, character work, story writing, diary writing , instructional texts and poetry,  **Grammar/Punctuation/Spelling:** Spelling lists will be given out weekly and children will be expected to learn these ready for testing. We ask that parents support their children in learning spellings every week. |
| **Maths** | Topics that will be covered include Number – Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division, Statistics, Area and Perimeter.  Children should be learning or revising their multiplication facts and corresponding division facts at home to 12x12.  **Please test your children as much as possible on these facts as they will be tested weekly.** |
| **Science** | Autumn 1: **What is a force?**  Autumn 2: **How does the Earth move?** |
| **Computing** | **Digital Literacy and Citizenship** - including online safety and creating strong passwords |
| **PE** | P.E will take place every **Friday** 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 Dance and Gymnastics. |
| **French** | Children will develop their understanding of spoken and written French and work towards using spoken language with confidence and accuracy. |
| **History/Geography** | Autumn 1: **Where is South America and what is it like?**  Autumn 2: **What was it like for children in World War 2?**  Children are invited to research these topics out of school and bring in any information they have collected using their research books. |

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| **Homework** | **Reading:** Daily  **Spelling:** Daily – **Spelling test 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 Reading Eggs (Literacy) and Mathletics (Maths). |
| **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 8.55 am-3.15pm.** If there is a cause for concern about your child’s punctuality you will be contacted to discuss this matter. |
| **Other Information** | **Parents Consultation**: Tues 22nd and Wed 23rd Oct (3.30-6.00pm)  **Mass:** 19th September and 14th November  **Moseley Road Library Visit:** Monday 23rd September  **Swimming:** Monday 30th September – Friday 11th October  Children will be swimming every morning for two weeks, further details to follow. |

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

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Catling, Mrs Litchfield and Miss Hill