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Dear Parents/Carers of St Anthony Class

Spring Term Curriculum Letter

This term, our topic will be 'We are Britain'. This letter will give you some key information about what we will be learning this term and how you can support this learning at home.

Subject	Content	Supporting your child home
Religious Education	<p>This term we will be discovering Jesus's life from Galilee to Jerusalem and then from Jerusalem to the Desert. These two branches of learning are about Jesus' life and ministry. We will be reading Scripture about John the Baptist, some of the miracles of Jesus and the Easter accounts.</p> <p>We will also learn about Baptism, the importance of saying and showing we are sorry to God and others.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can you read these Scripture accounts with your child? Either from a Bible or you can use online resources Online resources Search for 'Jesus Story Book Bible' & relevant account i.e. Easter Saddleback Kids https://www.youtube.com/c/SaddlebackKids
English	<p>This term we are reading Grandad's Camper, Tadpole's Problem, The Minpins and The Bear Under the Stairs. We will cover writing sequel narratives, own-version narratives, extended explanations and information texts.</p> <p>The children will continue to have a daily phonics lesson.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk about characters within the stories we are covering. Encourage your child to describe the main characters to you. Support your child with their fine motor skills as this will help to improve their handwriting. You can do this using playdough, sewing and drawing. Use Read, Write Inc. eBooks to support your child with their reading (Use the login located in your child's Reading Record) www.phonicsplay.co.uk
Maths	<p>This term we are continuing our work on addition and subtraction. We will also be looking at Shape. After this we will learn about money, counting coins and notes, comparing different amounts of money, making £1 and finding change. Next, we will begin to learn about multiplication and division, making groups, arrays, finding double and half. We will also be focusing on 10x table and 5x tables.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practise times tables using Times Table Rock Stars When shopping count show / count money with your child. Can you work out the change you might be given? www.mymaths.co.uk www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks1bitesize whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths (Download the app)



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Science	This term in Science, we will be focusing on 'Animals Including Humans' before half term and plants after half term. The children will investigate and match animals to their offspring and compare the heights/hand spans of people at different stages of their lives. We will investigate how animals are cared for in zoos and farms and research animal charities, such as the RSPCA to find out how they keep animals safe. During the Plants topic, the children will learn that plants require things such as water, warmth, nutrients from soil and light to grow.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you have a pet, encourage your child to begin to look after it and record what they do to take care of their pet. Grow something as a family – whether it is a little plant in a pot on a windowsill or vegetable garden.
History	Our learning will focus is based around the question: Which three queens of England are most remembered in history and why? We will learn about the significant people - Queen Elizabeth I, Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research using BBC Bitesize: Monarchs and leaders - KS1 History - BBC Bitesize Maybe you could visit London and discover important landmarks such as the Tower of London
Geography	We will be learning about the UK, its countries, landmarks and weather.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use Bitesize Explore the UK - KS1 Geography - BBC Bitesize Do you have family that live in a different part of the UK? Or have you been to another part of the UK? What is it like there?
Art and Design	We will be exploring colour mixing through paint play using a range of tools to paint on different surfaces and creating paintings inspired by Jasper Johns.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practise the new skills at home with any type of media you have available
Design and Technology	We will be designing and making a fairground wheel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore Mechanism and Structures on BBC bitesize: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zfdbqyc
Music	The initial topic for this term is 'I Wanna Play In A Rock Band'. The children will explore teamwork, working together, The Beatles and the historical context of musical styles. The following topic of 'Reggae Animals' delves into how poetry is used within music.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen to different types of music with your child. Discuss with your child how they feel as they hear the music.
Physical Education	In our PE lessons we will be learning all about dance. We will count in beats of 8, move our bodies in different ways and put these movements into sequences. We will also be developing our sending and receiving skills.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Try some of the activities on Get Set For PE – Active Families https://pe.getset4education.co.uk/ResourceBank/ResourceCategory/1174 Please send any photos into our class email of you taking part in the activity!



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PSHE	In PSHE we will continue with the Ten:Ten programme. Throughout their sessions the children will be encouraged to notice similarities and celebrate differences between fictional people and each other as things that make us unique and special. They will also be encouraged to notice similarities and celebrate differences between girls and boys on physical, emotional and spiritual levels. Building from these sessions, the children will learn how to take care of their bodies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk to your child about how to celebrate similarities and differences between people, including our God-given bodies and the things they enable us to do.
Computing	In Computing this term, we will be focusing on Word processing, Programming using Scratch Jnr. and Online Safety. The children will learn about word processing and develop their touch-typing skills. They will explore what 'blocks' do, using the app 'ScratchJr,' and program a familiar story and an animation of an animal. They will learn about online safety, including what happens to information posted online; how to keep things private online; who we should ask before sharing online; describing different ways to ask for, give, or deny permission online.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss with your child how they can stay safe when using devices such as phones, tablets and computing games. • If they have access to a laptop or keyboard, encourage your child to practise their touch-typing skills on Word.

PE Days – Monday and Tuesday. Please remove your child's earrings on PE days. If your child uses their PE kit for an after-school activity, please make sure their kit is returned the following day. Please make sure every item of PE kit is named. The children will need a winter PE kit including a tracksuit.

Reading - It is extremely important that your child reads EVERY night. By reading daily, your child will be exposed to a range of authors and genres and this will help them to perform better in their own creative writing tasks. Please can you sign the reading journal each time you listen to your child read with an expectation that your child will be listened to at least 5 times per week. Reading records must be in school every day.

Homework: Maths homework will be sent home on a Wednesday and returned by the following Wednesday . English homework will be sent home on a Friday and is to be returned the following Thursday.

If you have any queries or concerns, please email:

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Yours sincerely

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