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Dear Parents of St. John the Baptist Class

Spring Term Curriculum Letter

This term, we will be learning about **Anglo-Saxons**. 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. Please see below:

Subject	Content	Supporting your child home
Religious Education	This term we will be exploring the Catholic Mission and our community. We will find out about the Eucharist and look at the sacrifices made during the season of Lent.	Read through verses related to our themes at home from your Bible. Decide what you are going to sacrifice during Lent. Research some prominent Catholic missionaries e.g. Mother Teresa. Discuss their good work. Think about how you and your child can be part of the Catholic mission. Discuss religious symbols such as the Eucharist and Tabernacle. Use the CAFOD or Mission websites.
English	Through reading our class texts 'Private Peaceful' and 'Northern Lights', we will develop our reading skills including inference and prediction. In writing, we will use a number of texts to develop our writing of narratives, instructions and reports.	Continue to read daily with your child. Practise spellings daily and put them into sentences. Allow your children to develop their creative writing by creating a diary entry daily or writing their own creative narrative.
Maths	We will be learning ratio, algebra and decimals. Using our maths scheme, we will use develop our number fluency and problem solving skills.	Practise times tables daily. Please read our class Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) for Spring 1 & 2. You can also support your child by encouraging them to explain how they got their answer and ask them to explain how they know they are correct. This will deepen their reasoning and problem-solving skills.
Science	We will first look at the light around us and understand sources. We will explore the eye and then label the different parts. We will understand about evolution.	Explore the light around you and visit some science websites including BBC bitesize. Create your own Periscope.



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History	We will be exploring the impact the Anglo-Saxons had on Britain.	Find out some information about the famous Sutton Hoo- what is special about this site? Create a myth based on Nordic stories. Use YouTube to watch stories such as Beowulf.
Geography	How is climate change affecting the world? Physical Geography – describe and understand climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts.	Create your own biome at home. Research the effects of climate change on the planet and write a speech.
Art	Exploring the meaning behind art – analyse the work of Banksy; making symmetry prints inspired by Rorschach, telling a story using emojis, re-enacting a poignant war scene and taking inspiration from ceramic artist Odundo.	Look at some of the artists and the meaning behind their artwork Try and recreate your favourite one.
Design and Technology	Research existing playground equipment and their different forms, before designing and developing a range of apparatus to meet a list of specified design criteria.	Visit your local park and see how the equipment works. Sketch some of the equipment such as slide, swing and seesaw.
Music	Guitar-develop our chords and strumming ability. Continue to learn how to read notes.	Write down the notes for some songs you would like to play at school.
Physical Education	Dance Rounders PE will be on Monday and Wednesday afternoons.	Complete some 'Just Dance' workouts on YouTube. If you have a small ball – practise throwing this into the air and catching.
PSHE	Using our 'Ten Ten' scheme, we will explore the differences between girls and boys and how our bodies change.	Ask your child about their day. Make sure they are talking about their feelings and how they are coping with their schoolwork as they start in a new year group. Visit the 'Think you Know' website and discuss how to keep safe whilst using the internet. CEOP Education (thinkuknow.co.uk)
French	We will continue to learn how to ask questions about each other including asking about family, school and favourite food.	Download the free 'Duolingo app': Duolingo - The world's best way to learn a language Select French and develop some new vocabulary. Ask your children to practise their French with you.
Computing	Databases using QR codes. We will be using spreadsheets and learning how to create code to speed up a calculation.	Find out some jobs that use spreadsheets. Create your own spreadsheets.

I look forward to working in partnership with you this term. For other dates, please refer to the school newsletter. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to let me know. My email is:

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Yours sincerely

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