McAuley Class Curriculum Letter
Summer One

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We hope you had a very enjoyable Easter break. Please read on for information about all the exciting curriculum content that your child will be learning this half term.

English and Maths

As we are sure you are aware, your child takes part in English and Maths lessons every day. To assist your child in their development in both these curriculum areas, please give them support and encouragement in reading and practising their times tables **every day**. Your child will be tested on their times tables on a weekly basis to support their progress with this important part of their learning. In addition to this, your child has a maths target card with individual targets designed to help extend and improve their mathematical skills and confidence. Please support your child by working through their targets with them on a regular basis. We recommend that your child uses Mathletics to support their learning in this area.

To help improve your child's reading and comprehension skills, please ensure you listen to them reading aloud and question them on the text that they are reading **daily**. Additionally, written responses to texts should be made in your child's reading journal on a **weekly** basis, along with any comments you may have about their reading. Please refer to the 'Ideas for writing Journal Entries' at the front of your child's reading journal to inspire your child to write creative and varied journal entries.

Finally, please support your child with any homework that they receive to consolidate their learning in class by monitoring their progress in completing their work and ensuring that it is returned to school at the correct time.

Science

'Living things and their habitats' is our topic for this half-term. Your child will learn about different habitats around the world as well as our school environment, exploring how it is also a habitat for some wildlife. In addition, we will be learning about climate change and the devastating effects this is having on the living things and habitats on earth. To end our topic, we will be going on an exciting trip to the Natural History Museum to watch 'The Variety Show'. Your child will discover the vast diversity of life on this planet, find out about how scientists group living things, and see how they as humans are related to all life on Earth. They will also get the chance to do the job of scientists by identifying a mystery specimen! We will send a letter with more information in a couple of weeks' time.

RE – Energy & Choices

In RE this half-term we will cover two topics: 'Energy' and 'Choices'. In the 'Energy' unit, your child will learn about how the Holy Spirit filled the disciples with renewed energy at Pentecost to go and spread the news of Jesus' resurrection.

In out topic of 'Choices' your child will learn that choices have consequences for themselves and others and that it is important to make the right decisions. Your child will also learn more about the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

PSHE

This half term, we will learn about road safety with a workshop from Southwark Council called 'Pedestrian Training'. Your child will learn how to cross the road safely, even when there is not a crossing to use, and understand more about hazards in and around the roads. In addition, we will be learning about valuing ourselves and others as individuals to promote kindness and happiness amongst the class. We will be celebrating our similarities and differences to create a loving and caring environment.

History

This term our history enquiry focus is: What Changes were there in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age? The children will research early humans and aspects of the Palaeolithic and Mesolithic period, realising that the term 'Stone Age' covers an enormous period of time from about 9,000 years ago. They will also explore evidence found by archaeologists to understand that Stone Age man was not primitive such as: making and using tools, fashioned from flint and wood; proper burials; hunting ceremonies which indicate an organised way of life.

DT

In D&T this half-term, your child will be making their own 'Moving Monster'. In Guided Reading, we will be reading Shaun Tan's, 'The Lost Thing' and this will inspire their monsters. The children will research different materials, design their monster, before making a final product. Finally, they will evaluate their design and consider how it may be improved.

MFL (Modern Foreign Languages)

In French this term, your child will explore patterns and sounds of language through songs and link the spelling, sound and meaning of words. The will continue to develop accurate pronunciation and intonation so that others understand when they are using familiar words and phrases and to understand the basic grammar of the French language. In this topic your child will learn vocabulary associated with animals and how to describe their names, colours and movements.

Computing

This term, your child will be developing their understanding of how to communicate safely on the internet. This will include: developing a basic understanding of how email works, gaining skills in using email, working collaboratively with a partner, and continuing to develop their understanding of e-safety. Furthermore, your child will learn how to share information using a wiki.

PE

Your child has Outdoor P.E. every Monday. As the weather is unpredictable please ensure they have their full Outdoor PE kits for all lessons. In addition, your child will have the opportunity to partake in extra PE sessions with our sports coach David Dines on Fridays.

In Outdoor PE your child will be exploring athletics. This entails running, jumping and throwing activities, including simple challenges and competitions. Your child will experiment with different ways of travelling, throwing and jumping, increasing their awareness of speed and distance. As in all athletic activities, your child will think about how to achieve the greatest possible speed, height, distance and accuracy.

McAuley Class' swimming lessons begin on **Monday 29th April** and your child will be partaking in swimming lessons every **Monday** for the duration of the term. Please ensure that your child has all the equipment they require for this lesson (as detailed in a previous letter) to enable them to make the most of this opportunity.

Your child will also continue to take part in music lessons on Fridays with Mr Dixon (every other half term) where they will learn to use their voices to sing expressively and experiment with instruments to create and combine sounds.

Reminders: Could you please ensure that your child brings their filled school water bottle into school everyday, with their name clearly marked on it. If your child does not have a school water bottle, they are available from the school office for £1.50. Please ensure any money that is sent into school is enclosed in a school money pocket and detailed with the necessary information. Money pockets can be purchased from the school reception.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see me after school.

Thank you for your support.

Miss Allen
McAuley Class Teacher