



St. Werburgh's C. E. Primary School

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Monday 14th September 2020

Dear parents and carers,

Autumn Term Curriculum Update - Reception

Below, you will find a brief outline of the curriculum areas which we will be focusing upon in Reception throughout the autumn term. Due to the unusual circumstances in the last academic year, and whilst ensuring that the children are introduced to new learning (as well as life in school!), we may also revisit and reinforce any previous learning too. In light of the current unprecedented situation, all curriculum plans are subject to change.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

<u>Core Subjects</u>	
Literacy	<p>We will be starting our phonetic learning with our fabulous friend 'Fred the phonics frog'. Beginning with phase one, learning to recognise, read and write single letter sounds, and beginning to recognise the initial sounds in words and sounding out simple cvc words, such as c-a-t. In school we use the 'Read, Write, Inc' Phonics scheme'.</p> <p>We will be reading and discussing, together and on a one-to-one basis, traditional fairy tales and fictional stories. We will be predicting what might happen next, discussing the characters and setting and how stories are formed, as well as beginning to recognise letters we have learnt.</p> <p>Children will be practising holding a pencil with good control and accuracy to write letters and simple words.</p>
Maths/ Numeracy	<p>This term in Maths, we will be focusing on securing core skills such as the value of numbers from 1-10, discovering how we can represent numbers and what they mean.</p> <p>Through practical activities and songs, we will experiment with adding and taking away objects, learning the meaning of <i>more</i> and <i>less</i> to develop the core skills for addition and subtraction.</p> <p>We will also experiment with how we measure - learning to compare and order objects by their size and weight.</p>

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R.E.	In R.E. we will be looking at the story of Creation, exploring who God is and what Christianity means. We will be sharing stories from the bible and exploring friendships.
P.E.	P.E. lessons will take place on a Tuesday and Wednesday, the children will need their kits every week. P.E. lessons will be delivered by ASM Sports coaches and myself.
<u>Wider Curriculum</u> Our topics for the first half term are ' Amazing Me ' and ' People in our Community '. Throughout these subjects, cross-curricular links will be developed and the children will be given regular opportunities to reinforce and apply their English and Maths skills.	
Understanding the World	This term, the children will learn about Autumn and how the weather, plants and animals will change. We will look at how humans grow and how we are all different, unique and special. We will also look at festivals and celebrations from around the world, focusing on the Harvest Festival and where our food comes from.
Expressive Arts	This term, children will make Elmer-inspired pieces, as well as learning how we can use nature in art. We will begin our music lessons, exploring beats, rhythms and instruments with our wonderful teacher, Mrs Whitley.

Due to government guidelines, presently we are avoiding items travelling between home and school. However, we are very keen for the children to start to bring a few things home to support their learning and are currently working on plans for this to happen in the safest way possible. Please bear with us whilst we finalise how this will work and we will be in touch with the details shortly.

If I, or any member of the school team can be of any help then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards for a memorable and exciting start to school!

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