



St. Werburgh's C. E. Primary School

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Monday 14th September 2020

Dear parents and carers,

Autumn Term Curriculum Update – Year 1

Below, you will find a brief outline of the curriculum areas which we will be focusing upon in Year 1 throughout the autumn term. Due to the unusual circumstances in the last academic year, whilst ensuring that the children are introduced to new learning, we will be also revisiting and reinforcing any learning from Reception class that the children are not quite fully secure with following the changes to school over the previous two terms. 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 learning about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prediction; • Fiction – oral and written retelling; • Narratives and description. <p>We will also be focusing upon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Securing the use of known graphemes and phonemes in order to correctly spell words used in writing; • Learning new graphemes and phonemes to aid reading; • Exploring sentence structure and the key areas of sentence writing. <p>In Year 1, we will have daily Phonics lessons to help teach, strengthen and support phonetic knowledge. Phonics is an important lesson within Year 1, as it is the building blocks of reading and writing. In school, we follow the 'Read, Write, Inc' Phonics scheme.</p> <p>Through Guided Reading sessions, shared reading in class and individual reading, the children will be taught how to infer information, along with developing their tone, fluency and expression. To gain understanding of the texts they read, children will be asked to retell stories as well as answering questions to show their understanding of the text and their use of learnt phonics.</p>

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Maths/ Numeracy	<p>This term in Maths, we will be covering the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number; • Shape; • Addition and Subtraction; <p>During these lessons we will begin to explore numbers past 50, sequencing them and using them in different forms of problem solving. Furthermore, we will investigate different shapes and begin to develop a better understanding of 2D and 3D shapes.</p>
Science	<p>Our Science topics this term will be 'Animals and Plants' and 'Who am I?'. During these lessons we will be learning about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Different plants and their structure; • Types of trees found around the world; • The human body and its different parts; • The five senses and their uses.
RE	<p>The Autumn term will allow the class to look at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation; • The importance of Christmas to Christians.
Wider Curriculum	
<p>Throughout the Wider Curriculum, cross-curricular links will be developed and the children will be given regular opportunities to reinforce and apply their English and Maths skills.</p>	
History	<p>This term, the children will be learning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About the similarities and differences between their own lives and that of those in the past; • How to ask and answer historically based questions with accuracy and understanding; • About how events and people fit together chronologically.
Geography	<p>During the Autumn term, children will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigating significant local features and landmarks; • Comparing journeys and landscapes; • Learning about maps, map-making and symbols.
Computing	<p>This Term, our focus will be on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E-Safety and Digital Literacy. • Basic uses of Microsoft Word.

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Art/D.T.	This term children will be improving their design and technology skills through the creation of their own playground equipment and by broadening their understanding of colour – both primary and secondary.
P.E.	P.E. will be taught by Mr Day on a Monday morning and by Mr Casey on a Friday morning. Please remember to have kit in schools, long hair tied-back and no jewellery.
P.S.H.E. – Personal, Social and Health Education	This term, we will be learning about: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working and contributing to a team;• Belonging to a community or group;
Music	Mrs. Whiteley will deliver our exciting Music lessons.

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 reading books, homework and spellings home and we 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.

Wow - I can't believe a new school year has come and you are all in Year 1! What a great year we have in-store; amazing topics, fun activities and a chance to get stuck in to lots of fabulous learning! I'm sure that as this term continues, you all will show what outstanding young people you are; so let's have a smashing good time!

I am looking forward to the autumn term and I am sure that you are too! 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 an exciting term ahead.

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