



St. Werburgh's C. E. Primary School

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Monday 14th September 2020

Dear parents and carers,

Autumn Term Curriculum Update - Year 3

Below, you will find a brief outline of the curriculum areas which we will be focusing upon in Year 3 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 Year 2 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>	
English	<p>This term, we will be focussing on fictional based texts in which the children will deepen their understanding of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-chronological reports (fact-files); • Recounts (letter writing); • Narratives (fantasy). <p>During which they will learn how to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use prepositions to express time, place and cause; • Use conjunctions and adverbs to express, time, place and cause; • Use <i>a</i> or <i>an</i> according to whether the next word begins with a vowel or consonant; • Group related ideas into paragraphs; • Build a varied and rich vocabulary; • In narratives - create characters, settings and plot; • Use inverted commas to punctuate direct speech. <p><u>Reading</u> 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.</p>

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Maths	<p>This term in Maths, we will be covering the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number and place value;• Addition and Subtraction;• Position and direction;• Multiplication and division;• Properties of shapes;• Statistics;• Measurement;• Fractions. <p>Multiplication tables tests (using 'Times Table Rock Stars') will take place on a daily basis which will aid their understanding of times tables up to 12x12. Through continuous practice both in school and at home this will greatly aid their speed and accuracy.</p>
Science	<p>In Science, the topics this term are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Food and our Bodies;• How Does Your Garden Grow?
R.E.	<p>During the autumn term, the children will be focussing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is it like to follow God?• What is the Trinity?
<p><u>Wider Curriculum</u></p> <p>Throughout the foundation subjects, cross-curricular links will be developed and the children will be given regular opportunities to reinforce and apply their English and Mathematical skills.</p>	
Geography.	<p>The children will be learning about 'Climate and Weather' in which the they will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• locate some of the world's climate zones;• extract geographical data (e.g. rainfall, temperature, weather, climate/vegetation zones) from pictorial/graphical representations;• describe and give examples of the variety of biomes and vegetation belts;• use appropriate geographical vocabulary to describe weather, climate, climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts;• identify the world's hottest, coldest, wettest and driest locations.

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History	During this term, the children will be exploring 'The Stone Age'. In this unit the they will learn about: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• how life changed for people during different periods of the Stone Age, including the Early, Middle and New Stone Ages;• why the period was called the Stone Age, and what archaeological evidence there is from the period, particularly in the form of artefacts and monuments.
Computing	With a focus on E-Safety, the children will learn how to stay safe online and how to use Microsoft PowerPoint to create an eye-catching display.
Art	With a focus on 'The Stone Age', the children will be exploring colour, texture and printing, by examining Palaeolithic Art.
DT	This term, we will be using mechanical systems to create interactive exhibitions.
P.H.S.E.	In PHSE lessons, the children will be developing their teamwork skills, as well as exploring the topic of 'money matters'.
P.E.	P.E. this term will be provided by the class teacher and ASM sports coaches which will take place on a Wednesday and Friday afternoon, where they will explore a range of sporting opportunities to develop their skills and fitness. Please ensure that the children to have kit in schools, long hair is tied-back and no jewellery is worn - including fitness trackers.
Foreign Languages	Our new Spanish lessons will be provided by Mr Day.
Music	Music will be provided by Mrs Whiteley throughout the year.

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.

It will help your child's learning if you could spend a little time reading a book at home with them in the evening. To have a significant impact on their reading comprehension, it is essential that they spend as much time discussing the book (including the characters and plot), as they do reading it.

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Finally, to continue to progress as a young mathematician, your child would notably benefit from becoming confident with all of the multiplication tables up to 12x12.

Working in partnership is, I'm sure that you agree, the best way for us to help boost your child's learning and allow them to really shine in all areas of school life.

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

Kind regards,

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