



St. Werburgh's C. E. Primary School

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Monday 14th September

Dear parents and carers,

Autumn Term Curriculum Update – Years 4 & 5

Below, you will find a brief outline of the curriculum areas which we will be focusing upon in Years 4 & 5 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 previous years 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>We will be learning about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fictional writing; • Non-fiction writing. <p>We will also be focussing upon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing for a purpose and audience; • Using paragraphs; • Using parenthesis accurately for a range of purposes; • Different sentence openers; • Varying sentence structure to change pace and build tension; • A variety of conjunctions. <p>These skills will be taught through topic work and through work based on 'Counting on Katherine'.</p> <p>In spelling sessions this year, all children will be learning spellings from their relevant year group.</p> <p>Through Guided Reading sessions, shared reading in class and individual reading, the children will be taught the skills of using relevant quotations to support what they are saying. They will also further progress their inference skills and continue to learn about the layout and key features of texts as well as making comments about the writer's language choices and how this impacts on the reader.</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">• Place Value and Number (including negative numbers);• Addition and Subtraction (including decimals);• Geometry (angles);• Fractions, Decimals and Percentages;• Multiplication and division;• Position and direction. <p>Daily multiplication tables tests will take place throughout the week, 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. We expect that Year 4 children will undertake the new statutory 'Multiplication Tables Check' later in the school year – so any support which you can offer at home with the quick recall and understanding of these will be highly beneficial.</p>
Science	<p>Our Science topic this term is Living Things, including grouping materials and looking at States of Matter.</p> <p>During these lessons we will be learning about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Methods to identify and name a variety of living things;• How changes to habitats can pose dangers to living things;• Ways to compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases.
R.E.	<p>Throughout the Term, children will be focusing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What kind of world did Jesus want?• What kind of King was Jesus?
P.S.H.E.	<p>Children will learn about friendships and the nature and consequences of discrimination, teasing and bullying. Learning will also feature discussion about how to resolve differences by looking at alternatives, seeing and respecting others' points of view, making decisions and explaining choices.</p>

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Wider Curriculum	
Our focus for our wider curriculum learning will be: 'The Ancient Egyptians' (first half term); 'The Americas.' (second half-term).	
Throughout this, cross-curricular links will be developed and the children will be given regular opportunities to reinforce and apply their English and Mathematical skills.	
Geography	This term, the children will learn about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, states and (some) major cities; • To understand geographical similarities and differences through looking at regions in North and South America.
Computing	Our focus will be on E-Safety, learning specifically how to protect ourselves online.
Art/D.T	Children will focus upon Ancient Egyptian artefacts, learning about the dramatic effect of contrasting areas of light and dark. Children will learn how use the technique so that they can create a three-dimensional quality in images on a two-dimensional plane.
P.E.	PE this term will be on a Monday morning 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	Mr Day will teach our new Spanish lessons this term.
Music	Mrs Whiteley will continue to deliver our exciting music curriculum.

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.

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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