



# St. Werburgh's C. E. Primary School

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Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **RE: Summer Term Curriculum Update – Year 4**

Below you will find a brief outline of the curriculum areas which we will be focusing upon in class throughout the summer term.

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

<b><u>Core Subjects</u></b>	
English	<p>This term in English, we will be learning to write:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Non-fiction – Non chronological report writing</li><li>* Fiction – Explanation letter</li></ul> <p>We will also be focusing upon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Using rich and varied vocabulary;</li><li>• Using the present perfect tense and verb forms;</li><li>• Using fronted adverbials;</li><li>• Organising paragraphs around themes;</li><li>• Recognising the grammatical difference between plural and possessive 's'.</li></ul> <p>These skills will be taught through topic work and work based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Where the forest meets the sea by Jeannie Baker;</li><li>• 100 facts – Rainforests by Miles Kelly;</li><li>• Blue John by Berlie Doherty</li></ul> <p>In spellings this term, children will continue to fill the gaps in their spelling knowledge as well as learn new spellings from the year group they are in.</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 retrieval and inference skills and continue to learn about the layout and key features of texts as well as making comments about the writers language choices and how this impacts on the reader.</p>
Maths	<p>This term in Maths, we will be covering the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Place value</li><li>• Addition and subtraction – money</li><li>• Geometry (properties of shapes)</li></ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiplication and division</li> <li>• Fractions</li> <li>• Measurement (volume and capacity)</li> <li>• Statistics</li> <li>• Perimeter and Area</li> </ul> <p>Weekly x 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 on TT Rockstars, this will greatly aid their speed and accuracy.</p>				
Science	<p>Our Science topics this term are:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Power it up!</th> <th>The Big Build</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revisit the uses of electricity and the importance of safety;</li> <li>• Construct simple circuits;</li> <li>• Understand how to change a circuit by changing its components;</li> <li>• Design and make an alarm using their knowledge of circuits.</li> </ul> </td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To learn about building towers and bridges, starting with constructing tall towers then exploring bridges;</li> <li>• Look into animals as builders;</li> <li>• Research famous engineers and architects and the structures they built;</li> <li>• Explore different materials and their uses.</li> </ul> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Power it up!	The Big Build	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revisit the uses of electricity and the importance of safety;</li> <li>• Construct simple circuits;</li> <li>• Understand how to change a circuit by changing its components;</li> <li>• Design and make an alarm using their knowledge of circuits.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To learn about building towers and bridges, starting with constructing tall towers then exploring bridges;</li> <li>• Look into animals as builders;</li> <li>• Research famous engineers and architects and the structures they built;</li> <li>• Explore different materials and their uses.</li> </ul>
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RE	<p>During the summer term, we will be focusing on the topics of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What can Christians learn from the Creation story?</li> <li>• What is it like to follow God?</li> </ul>				
<p><b><u>Foundation Subjects</u></b></p> <p>Our topic for the first half term is 'Earthquakes and Volcanos'          Our topic for the second half term is 'Crime and Punishment'</p>					

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Throughout the foundation subjects, cross-curricular links will be developed and the children will be given regular opportunities to reinforce and use their English and Maths skills.	
Geography (first half term)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Describe and understand the key aspects of volcanos and earthquakes</li><li>• Understand that the distribution of earthquakes and volcanos follows a pattern</li><li>• Be introduced to plate tectonics</li><li>• Learn about the 'Pacific Ring of Fire'.</li></ul>
History (second half term)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Develop a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of British history</li><li>• Establish clear narratives over periods of study</li><li>• Note connections, contrasts and trends over time and develop the use of historical terms</li><li>• Understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources</li><li>• Address historically valid questions about continuity, change and cause</li></ul>
Art	Art will be taught during the second half of the summer term. The children will focus on colour, drawing and pattern and will be focusing their studies around 'Crime and Punishment'.
D&T	Design and Technology will be taught in the first half of the summer term. The topic will be 'Moving Monsters'. The children will be investigating simple pneumatic systems and designing and making a model of a monster that has moving parts controlled by pneumatics.
Computing	In computing this term we will be looking at Data Logging. Children will explore different types of data, how it can be collected and will be able to evaluate the different strategies and reasons for data collection.
PSHE	Our PSHE topic for the first half term is 'Growing Up'. The children will be exploring human body parts and the changes that they may face throughout puberty.

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	Our second topic is 'This Positive', the children will explore a positive mindset and will explore ways to encourage and motivate ourselves and our minds.
Foreign Languages	Spanish lessons will take place every other Friday and will be taught by Mr Day.
Music	Music will continue to be taught by Mrs Whiteley on a weekly basis.
Physical Education	<p>Year 4 children will have PE on a 2 week rota this term, Week A will see PE on a <b>Monday and Wednesday afternoon</b>. Week B will see PE on a <b>Monday afternoon</b> and a <b>Friday morning</b>. The children will explore a range of sporting opportunities to develop their skills and fitness.</p> <p>Please ensure that the children have their PE kit in school, long hair is tied back and all jewellery is removed. PE will be taking place outside this term, as much as possible, so children will need to ensure that they have appropriate kit.</p>

Class homework will be sent out every Monday and should be returned to school the following Thursday/Friday. Spellings will be sent out on a Monday and a test will take place on a Friday morning.

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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