



St. Werburgh's C. E. (A) Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

Re: Spring Term Curriculum Update

I am the new Year 5 class teacher, Mrs Marion Aston, it has been lovely to meet the pupils and one or two parents during this first week. I look forward to meeting you over the term.

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

Please note that the list is a summary and is subject to change over the course of the term. It does, however, offer a little information to enable you to further support your child's learning.

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

<u>Core Subjects</u>	
Literacy	<p>We will be learning to write:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A mythical story based on Norse Mythology; • Recount Biography. <p>We will also be focussing upon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying the audience, and purpose, for writing; • Organising paragraphs around a theme with a focus on more complex narrative structure; • Use of commas after fronted adverbials; • Use of commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity in writing; • Use of expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely; • Describing settings, characters and atmosphere; • Integrating dialogue to convey character and advance action; • Using punctuation accurately. • Writing information texts <p>These skills will be taught through topic work and through work based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Arthur and the Golden Rope' by Joe Todd-Stanton • 'Darkest of Dark' by Chris Hadfield

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	<p>In spelling sessions this year, all children will be learning spellings and spelling patterns from the year group that they are in using 'Pathways to Spell'.</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 learn about the layout features of texts as well as making comments about the writers' choices and how this impacts on the reader. The text that we will be focussing upon this term in guiding reading is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 'Odd and the Frost Giant' by Neil Gaiman• 'Exploring Space' by the Literacy Company
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 decimals);• Addition and Subtraction;• Geometry – properties of shapes including angles;• Multiplication and division;• Fractions, decimals and percentages;• Measure – length , convert between units and solve problems
Science	<p>Our science topic this term will be learning about life cycles of animals and plants. We will also learn about forces: gravity and friction, air and water resistance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Circle of Life• Let's get moving
RE	<p>We will learn about the Five Pillars of the Islamic faith and how they affect Muslims' way of life.</p> <p>We will also study what Jesus did to save human beings.</p>
<u>Wider Curriculum Subjects</u>	
<p>This term, Key Stage 2 will be focussing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Geography - Study of an Alpine Region• History – The Vikings• Art – Sculpture, texture and form and Giacometti's artwork• Computing – Coding• PSHE – Be yourself	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> D.T. – Mechanical systems <p>Throughout the foundation subjects, cross-curricular links will be developed and the children will be given regular opportunities to reinforce and use their Literacy and Numeracy skills.</p>	
Geography	In this unit, children will find out about an Alpine region, learning how the Alps were formed and how homes are adapted.
Computing	Coding to control the speed of an object and the direction using a range of tools.
Art	This term, children will focus their studies on Sculpture – form and texture, creating sculptures and looking at the work of Giacometti.
History	Throughout this topic, the children will learn about the Vikings, how they lived, the impact they had on the world and how they shaped Britain's future.
D.T.	In this project, children will develop mechanical systems explain how rotary motion is converted into linear motion in a mechanical system and create their own systems.
P.E.	This term, the children will be learning to play tennis/badminton developing skills and starting to learn how to apply rules fairly. Gymnastics. PE will be on Monday and Friday. Bikeability will also be completed by those who have opted to take part.
MFL	Modern Foreign Language lessons will be delivered by Mr Day on a Friday afternoon. This year, the children will be learning Spanish.
Music	Music will continue to be delivered by Mrs Whiteley on a Tuesday.
P.S.H.E.	This unit is designed to help children develop a positive view of themselves. They will also learn how to keep their bodies healthy.

Homework will be set on Wednesday and this should be handed in by the following Tuesday. In Year 5, children are expected to complete one piece of Maths, Reading and SPaG.

Reading books should be read over a period of time and sent back into school when it needs changing. There are no set days for this and we will change them when necessary. Please focus on a few pages at a time ensuring that your child understands the events taking place,

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using the text to find answers and inferring characters' thoughts and feelings based on events that have taken place in the book.

Should you wish to contact me, please feel to do so via the school office or via the school email address which is yearfive@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk.

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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