



St. Werburgh's C. E. Primary School

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6th March 2023

Dear parents and carers,

Re: Reception Curriculum Update - Spring Term (2nd Half)

Below is a brief outline of the curriculum areas which we will be focusing upon in Reception during the second half of the spring term.

Please note that the below is a summary and may change over the course of the term based on the children's needs and interests. It does, however, offer insight to enable you to further support your child's learning outside school.

Curriculum Area	Focus
English	During this half term our work will focus on the text ' Something Else ' by Kathryn Cave. This unit fits with the whole school English theme based on 'Refugees'. The our work will focus on exploring the characters feelings. We will share a range of texts with the theme of being different and friendship such as Elmer by Paul McKee and Giraffes can't dance by Giles Andreas.
Phonics	We will be embedding the Set 1 sounds. We will also be focusing on reading and writing green and red words.
Maths	During this half term we will focus on: Measure – Time Number – Counting & recognising numbers (we are using Ten Town in school) Number – Doubling & Halving Measure – Capacity Number – Counting & recognising numbers
Theme	The Great Outdoors
Understanding the World	We will explore the following themes: growing, plants & flowers, recycling, weather. Focusing on how we have grown/ changed, planting vegetables, where does fruit come from, different types of flowers, healthy food, recycling, how our local area has changed, family trees, different types of tree, different types of weather and weather in another country.

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Expressive Arts	We will explore the following themes: texture, flowers, the local area, the natural world and weather. Focusing on drawing, printing, the work of artists such as Eric Carle and Vincent Van Gogh, growing cress, junk modelling instruments, classical music linked to nature, natural materials, a visit to the park and making rain sticks.
Personal, Social & Emotional	We will explore topics on the theme of: friendship, feeling good, healthy teeth, natural sounds and a sense of self. Focusing on turn taking, following rules, exploring emotions, making a healthy snack, caring for our teeth, manners, being a leader, exploring and experiencing nature.
Physical Development	We will focus on body development and movement. Our PE sessions will be led by ASM.
Religious Education	This half term we will focus on the theme of 'Why do Christians put a cross in their gardens at easter?' The unit will focus on the events of the Easter story.

Our P.E. days this term are **Monday** and **Thursday**. It is important your child has a PE kit in school on these days.

It is really important the children bring their reading folders and Ditty books to school each day. We will also be sending library books home on a weekly basis. All school library books have the red sticker on the spine; if you have any library books at home please send them in.

Just a reminder to send in a proud clouds telling us about your child's achievement outside of school. Learning takes place both at home and at school; it is therefore important we acknowledge all your child's learning and achievements.

Thank you for your support and, should you require any other information, please let us know.

Kind regards,

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