



St. Werburgh's C. E. Primary School

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September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Year 3 Curriculum Update - Autumn Term (1st half)

Below is a brief outline of the curriculum areas we will be focusing on in Year Three during the first half of the autumn term.

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

Curriculum Area	Focus
English Reading	During this half term our work will focus on the text; 'The Sea Book' by Charlotte Guide (non fiction). We will be looking at identifying and summarising the main ideas from the text. In addition, we will also look at how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning.
English Writing	During this half term our work will focus on the text; 'Coming to England' by Floella Benjamin . We will be predicting from details stated and implied in the text, grouping related ideas into paragraphs and building a rich and varied vocabulary. We will use prepositions to express time, place and cause, taking part in Role Play activities and assessing the effectiveness of our own writing. Inverted commas will be introduced to punctuate direct speech. We will also be planning our writing and proof reading for spelling and punctuation.
Maths	During this half term we will focus on: Number and Place value – understanding the value in 2 and 3-digit numbers, ordering numbers to 1000. Addition and Subtraction – adding 2 digit numbers and adding to 3 digit numbers. Subtracting 2 and subtracting from 3 digit numbers. 3 D Shapes Multiplication and Division – counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s and the multiplication times tables Fractions – halves, quarters, thirds and fifths. Solving fraction problems Measurement (Mass)
Spellings	During this half term we will be focus on : Common Exception Words for Years 3 - 4 Adding ing and ed to words Adding suffixes

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Science	Our focus for this half term will be on food and our bodies. Children will learn about food groups, nutrition and what our bodies need. They will also learn that humans and some animals have skeletons and muscles.
History	During this half term our focus will be 'The Stone Age'. They will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How life changed for people during different stages of the Stone Age• Why the period was called the Stone Age and what archaeological evidence there is from the period, especially in the form of monuments and artefacts.
Art	With a focus on The Stone Age, the children will be considering colour, texture and printing. They will explore and create their own paeleolithic inspired artwork.
Computing	We will look at cyber bullying, digital devices and online advertising, E-safety, emailing, online communication and party planners.
PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic) Education	We will explore topics on:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The theme of change and feelings• Teamwork• How we can respond to others• Ways to respond to others when things go wrong
PE	ASM coaches will deliver P.E this half term and they will focus on invasion games.
Forest School	Outdoor learning at The Valley School in Oakamoor.
Religious Education	This half term we will focus on the theme; Is life like a journey? We will explore pilgrimage, rites of passage in Christianity and other faiths. Children will also make connections and reflect on their own experiences upon how life can be seen as a journey.
Spanish	In Year 3 we will be completing a unit called 'En mi pueblo' meaning 'In my town' where we will learn the names of some key places that may be found in a town, we will also learn a key phrase linked to each place.
Music	Music lessons will be provided by Mrs Whiteley

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Our P.E. day will take place on a Tuesday and will be provided by the ASM coaches. Please ensure all jewellery is removed, long hair is tied back and P.E. kits are in school. For this half term, we will take part in Forest School at The Valley school in Oakamoor on Wednesday afternoons. Children need to come to school in their school uniform and bring a set of old, warm clothes, a raincoat and wellington boots/old trainers in a carrier bag. In the event of wet weather/muddy clothes, children will change back into uniforms upon their return to school, putting muddy/wet clothes into the bag to go home.

The children will practise their times tables regularly. Children will have covered the 2s, 5s and 10x tables in Year 2. In Year 3, we will recap these and then focus on the 3s, 4s and 8s. If you would like to support your child they will each soon have a login for 'T.T Rock Stars', which they can use to practise at home. Once children are secure with these, then they could go on to practising the rest of the times tables.

If you could you help your child by spending some time listening to them read at home, ideally, five times per week. Reading opens many doors to learning and it is a fantastic way to build their imaginative skills. To improve their comprehension skills, it is essential that children discuss the text: making predictions, considering the characters, the story line and plot. When they have read at home, please comment in their reading diary.

Please let me know of any clubs or sporting activities that your child takes part in, so that we can celebrate their extra-curricular achievements with them at school.

Any queries at all, please don't hesitate to get in touch via the year group email; yearthree@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk and I will respond as soon as is possible. Please note however, that I will not be checking emailing during the school day.

It is a pleasure to get to know your child and I look forward to teaching them until the return of Mrs Proctor. They have settled in really well and I hope that they will thoroughly enjoy their learning this term.

Kind regards,

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