



St. Werburgh's C. E. Primary School

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07th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Year 5 Curriculum Update - Autumn Term (1st half)

Below is a brief outline of the curriculum areas we will be focusing on in Year Five 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; ' Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls ' by Elena Favilli and Francesca Cavallo . We will be looking at drawing inferences from clues in the text and making comparisons within and across books. We will also be looking at asking questions to improve our understanding of the text.
English Writing	During this half term our work will focus on the texts; ' Young, Gifted and Black ' by Jamia Wilson and ' Race to the Frozen North ' by Catherine Johnson . We will be identifying our audience for and purpose for writing, exploring the features of recounts and setting descriptions and writing our own diary entries. We will also be planning our writing and proof reading for spelling and punctuation.
Maths	During this half term we will focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number and place value - Addition and subtraction - Properties of shape - Multiplication and division - Fractions - Position and direction
Spellings	During this half term we will be focusing on: Word Lists for Years 5 and 6.
History	During this half term our focus will be 'The Anglo-Saxons'. Themes include; knowing who the Anglo-Saxons were and why they decided to settle in England, understanding how the Anglo-Saxons lived, exploring why the Staffordshire Hoard was so significant, exploring some of the key documents linked to Anglo-Saxon times, and understanding what can be discovered by the past from archeological remains.

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Art	During this half term our topic is 'Colour and Pattern'. This links in with our history topic as we will be looking at designing Anglo-Saxon style brooches, exploring what colour palettes to use for these, identifying patterns within Anglo-Saxon artefacts and ultimately sketching and designing our own brooches.
PSHE	We will explore topics on the theme of: 'TEAM'. Themes include; exploring what makes a good team, accepting that people can have differences in opinion and disagree politely, compromising and collaborating to achieve a task, caring for individuals on a team and understanding the importance of shared responsibilities within a team.
PE	This term one of our PE sessions will be led to ASM on a Monday afternoon and the other will be led by the class teacher on a Thursday morning.
Religious Education	This half term we will focus on the theme of God; exploring texts describing God, exploring ideas of God as loving and holy and considering the ways that Christians respond to the idea of God as being eternal.
Music	This term the children will be Listening and Responding to Music by ; thinking about how music can reflect a mood, atmosphere or tell a story. They will be using percussion instruments to create and change the mood of the music and creating sounds that match a particular mood or noise. They will think about how sounds can be layered to create a scene.
Spanish	In Spanish lessons over this half term in Year 5 we will be exploring language relating to ordering food and drink at a café during our unit En la cafetería.

Our P.E. days this term are **Monday** and **Thursday**. It is important your child has their full PE kit on both these days.

If you would like to support your child they each have a login for 'T.T Rock Stars', which they can use to practise times tables at home. Please could you help your child by listening to them read at home as often as possible. Reading opens many doors to learning and it is a brilliant way to build their imaginative skills.

We acknowledge that learning takes place both at home and at school; it is therefore important we share all your child's achievements out of school. Please let me know of any clubs or sport activities that your child takes part in, so that we can celebrate with them at school.

It is a pleasure to teach your child and I look forward to watching how they grow in year 5. They have settled in really well and I hope that they will thoroughly enjoy their learning this term.

Kind regards,

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