



St. Werburgh's C. E. Primary School

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Monday 9th September 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Re: Year 1 Autumn 1 Half Term Curriculum

Below you will find a brief outline of the curriculum areas which we will be focusing upon in class throughout the first part of the autumn term in Year 1.

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> | |
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| Literacy | <p>Our class text for this half term will be: 'Meesha Makes Friends'.</p> <p>We will be learning about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prediction;• Fiction – oral and written retelling;• Discussion and Questioning. <p>We will also be focusing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Securing the use of known graphemes and phonemes in order to correctly spell words used in writing;• Learning new graphemes and phonemes to aid reading;• Exploring sentence structure and the key areas of sentence writing. <p>In Year 1, we will have daily phonics lessons to help teach, strengthen and support phonetic knowledge. Phonics is an important lesson within Year 1, as it is the building blocks of reading and writing;</p> |

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| Maths/ Numeracy | <p>This term in Maths, we will be covering the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number;• Shape;• Addition and Subtraction; <p>During these lessons we will begin to explore numbers to 50, sequencing them and using them in different forms of problem solving. Furthermore, we will investigate different shape and begin to develop a better understanding of 2-d and 3-d shapes.</p> |
| Science | <p>Our Science topic this half term will be 'Animals and Plants'. During these lessons we will be learning about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Different plants and their structure;• Types of trees found around the world;• Animals that may be found locally. |
| Religious Education | <p>During this half term we will be looking at the Christian creation story.</p> |
| <u>Wider Curriculum</u> | |
| <p>Throughout the Wider Curriculum, 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 | <p>During the Autumn term, children will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Investigating significant local features and landmarks;• Comparing journeys and landscapes;• Learning about maps, map-making and symbols. |
| Computing | <p>This half term, our focus will be on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• E-Safety and Digital Literacy. |
| Art | <p>This term children will be investigating and using colour in different mediums.</p> |

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| Physical Education. | Physical Education will be taught by ASM on both a Thursday and Friday afternoon. Please remember to have kit in schools, long hair tied back and no jewelry, including earrings. |
| P.S.H.E – Personal, Social and Health Education | This term, we will be learning about: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working and contributing to a team; |
| Music | Mrs. Whiteley will deliver our Music lessons throughout the year and they will be looking at Pulse and Tempo . |

| Year 1's Weekly Schedule | |
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| Monday | |
| Tuesday | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading Books Changed• Homework handed in; |
| Wednesday | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Homework given out;• Forest School |
| Thursday | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• P.E. |
| Friday | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• P.E.,• Reading Books Changed,• Library Book Swap. |

Reading Books

In Year 1, we will continue to send home the Read, Write, Inc. phonics books as home reading. These books have been levelled to each child based on their grapheme understanding and, as such, the children should be able to read their books independently. When reading the books, children may use techniques to split and blend words – this is completely ok! These phonic books should be read 3 times (once a night over 3 days) to help build fluency and word recognition. Due to this, reading books will be changed on a Tuesday and Friday each week.

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After a relaxing summer break, I hope you are all looking forward for a new school year and the start of your time in Year 1! Over this half term we will be working hard and learning lots of new things; building our love of learning through exploring the world and our time at Forest School. Although we will be busy working, that doesn't mean we won't be having fun; there are lots of smiles and laugh ahead of us so let's go!

I am looking forward to the term ahead and I am sure that you are too! If I, or any member of the school team can be of any help then please do not hesitate to contact us in person, over the phone or by the class email yearone@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk.

Kind regards for an exciting term ahead.

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