



St. Werburgh's C. E. Primary School

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Monday 9th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Autumn Term Curriculum Update – Year 6

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

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

Core Subjects

English

This half term in English, we will be learning to write:

- Fiction – Flashback story

We will also be focusing upon:

- Using expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely (recap from Y5);
- Using passive verbs;
- Linking ideas across paragraphs using a wider range of cohesive devices;
- Integrating dialogue to convey character and advance the action;
- Enhancing meaning through selecting appropriate grammar and vocabulary;
- Using modal verbs and adverbs to indicate degrees of possibility;
- Using brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis;

These skills will be taught through topic work and work based on:

- 'Star of Fear, Star of Hope' by Jo Hoestlandt

In spellings this term, children will continue to fill the gaps in their spelling knowledge as well as learn new spellings from the year group they are in.

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	<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 further progress their retrieval and inference skills and continue to learn about the layout and key features of texts as well as making comments about the writers' language choices and how this impacts on the reader.</p> <p>Reading skills will be taught continuously through a range of texts, our guided reading sessions will be based around:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 'When We Were Warriors' by Emma Carroll
Maths	<p>This term in Maths, we will be covering the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number and place value (ordering and rounding);• Addition and subtraction (mental calculations and multi-step word problems);• Geometry (recognising and building 3D shapes);• Multiplication and division• Fractions;• Position and direction (coordinates);• Decimals; <p>Multiplication and arithmetic tests will take place throughout the week, which will aid their understanding of all four operations and times tables up to 12x12. Through continuous practice both in school and at home on TT Rockstars, this will greatly aid their speed and accuracy.</p>
Science	<p>Our science topic this half term is Classifying Living Things. This topic is divided into two units. Children will first revisit their knowledge of classification and creating keys, before developing their knowledge by looking at fungi and bacteria. Children will also look at the work of Carl Linnaeus, the scientist who first made important the function of naming and classifying to 'identify' organisms.</p>

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RE	This half term, Year 6 will explore the importance of Creation in the Bible's 'big story,' focusing on Genesis 1. They will examine what type of text some Christians believe Genesis 1 is and its purpose, while considering its meaning in context.
History	The children will explore the world of the Maya, and debate whether they should continue to be remembered today as a significant culture. The children will begin by learning about the lives of the Maya today, before focusing on ancient Maya architectural achievements, their religion and surviving writings. They will also study the possible reasons why the Maya city states declined after 900 AD, looking at conspiracy theories and considering whether everything they read online is reliable.
Art	Our autumn art topic will focus on the study of Andy Warhol: Pop Art. The children will begin by revisiting the colour wheel and colour theory. They will then proceed to explore different drawing and painting techniques whilst studying the work of famous artist Andy Warhol.
Computing	During the first half of the autumn term, children will explore 'E-Safety'. In this unit, children will be taking a more in depth look at a variety of online safety issues, most of which they will have been familiarized with in previous years. They will be introduced to the idea of the internet, as a type of media, and how it can shape our ideas about boys and girls through stereotypes. Children will be given ways to deal with online content that they find worrying or even believe to be dangerous.
PSHE	Our PSHE topic for the first half term will be 'VIP's', this unit will focus on relationships. Children will identify who their VIPs are within their families and friendship groups and how important kindness and respect are within these relationships. The children will also look at the secrets and dares as well as healthy and unhealthy relationships.

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Foreign Languages	Spanish lessons will take place every Friday. The first half term will focus on Yo en el mundo (Me in the world).
Music	Music will continue to be taught by Mrs Whiteley. The focus during the autumn term will be: rhythmical patterns/ ostinato exploring the musical range and duration, metre, motifs.
Physical Education	<p>Year 6 children have PE on Monday and Tuesday afternoons.</p> <p>During the autumn term, Monday's PE sessions will be swimming. Please ensure that children arrive to school each Monday with the appropriate swimming kit.</p> <p>For Tuesday's sessions, please ensure that the children have their PE kit in school, long hair is tied back and all jewellery is removed. PE will be taking place outside this term, as much as possible, so children will need to ensure that they have appropriate kit.</p>

Class homework will be sent out every **Wednesday** and should be returned to school the following **Tuesday**.

Our class email is: yearsix@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.

Mrs A. Steventon

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