



# St. Werburgh's C. E. Primary School

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07<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Re: Year 4 Curriculum Update - Autumn Term (1<sup>st</sup> half)

Below is a brief outline of the curriculum areas we will be focusing on in Year Four 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; ' <b>A World Full of Animal Stories</b> '. We will be looking at retrieving and recording information from a non-fiction text. We will also be asking questions to improve our understanding of the text and clarifying vocabulary.
English Writing	During this half term our work will focus on the text ' <b>Counting on Catherine</b> ' by <b>Helaine Becker</b> . We will be predicting from details stated and implied in the text, taking part in Role Play activities and assessing the effectiveness of our own writing. We will also be planning our writing and proof reading for spelling and punctuation.
Maths	During this half term we will focus on: Place Value Addition and Subtraction Multiplication and Division Properties of shape Fractions Position and Direction
Spellings	During this half term we will be focusing on: Word Lists for Years 3, 4 common exception words Suffixes; -ment, -ness, -ful, -less, ly The n sound spelt -kn and -gn
History	During this half term our focus will be 'Ancient Egypt'. We will focus on: the achievements of the earliest civilisations making connections, contrasts and trends over time developing the use of historical terms using a timeline explaining why the Nile was so important to the Egyptians Egyptian people and the Great Pyramids.

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<b>Art</b>	During this half term our focus is 'Colour, Drawing and Painting'. Some of the themes will be; to use complementary colours, to mix colours, to understand the terms hue, tint, tone and shade, to research King Tutankhamun's death mask, to record observations, to identify and draw using a range of different grade pencils and to create accurate representations of people.
<b>PSHE</b>	We will explore the topic 'Relationships-VIP's'. Themes include; Family and Friends, fabulous friends, Is this a good relationship? Falling out, what is bullying? Standing up to bullying.
<b>PE</b>	This term both of our PE sessions will be led by ASM on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. The focus will be Invasion Games of football and netball.
<b>Religious Education</b>	This half term we will focus on the theme; 'What Kind of World Did Jesus Want? The children will discuss; Jesus' words to his disciples, how Christians show God's love, what kind of world Jesus wanted, the parables, Christian charities and Jesus' message.
<b>Music</b>	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 and make patterns of sound. We will also explore rhythmic patterns so we will be working in groups to make repeating word patterns using food and drink and then writing these in standard notation. We will be using glockenspiels to learn and improvise repeating patterns.
<b>Spanish</b>	This term the children's theme this term will be Aprendo Espanol (I am Learning Spanish) The children will pinpoint Spain and other Spanish speaking countries on a map of the world, ask and answer the question 'How are you?' in Spanish, say 'Hello' and 'Goodbye' in Spanish, ask and answer the question 'What is your name?' in Spanish, count to ten in Spanish and say ten colours in Spanish.
<b>Computing</b>	This term we will be focusing on Online Safety. The themes we will cover include; Cyberbullying, Super Searchers, Copycats, Too Much Information, The Online Community and Cyber Superheroes.
<b>Science</b>	In Science this term our focus is 'What's That Sound' the topics we will cover include: How sounds are made, sound travelling, making a string telephone, investigating how to make sounds louder and reading data.
<b>Poetry</b>	In our poetry lessons we will be introduced to the famous, nonsense poem, 'Jabberwocky' by Lewis Carroll. We will be listening to a classic poem, using evidence from the text to support our ideas, suggesting meanings for invented words in a poem, making own interpretation of a poem, learning part of a poem off by heart and preparing props and actions for a performance.

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

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The children will practise their times tables every day in preparation for the multiplication tests in spring. If you would like to support your child they each have a login for 'T.T Rock Stars', which they can use to practise 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 4. They have settled in really well and I hope that they will thoroughly enjoy their learning this term.

Kind regards,

**Ms Law**  
**Year 4 Class Teacher**

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