



St. Werburgh's C. E. Primary School

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Friday, 12th January 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Re: Reception Curriculum Update - Spring Term (1st Half)

As your child continues their learning journey we wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with a brief outline of the curriculum areas which we will be focusing on in class.

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

Curriculum Area	Focus
English	<p>During this half term our work will focus on the text The Journey Home by Emma Levey.</p> <p><i>Please avoid reading this book to your child at home, we do lots of work on prediction/ discussion about what will happen next during this unit, thank you.</i></p> <p>We will also explore other texts such as A Great Big Cuddle by Michael Rosen, Hattie Peck by Emma Levey, Home by Carson Ellis, The Way Back Home by Oliver Jeffers and Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen</p> <p>Towards the end of the half term we will study a poetry unit focused on The Farmyard by AA Attwood</p>
Phonics	We will be embedding the Set 1 sounds with a greater emphasis on segmenting and blending to read and write.
Maths	<p>During this half term we will focus on:</p> <p>Number - Counting & recognising numbers</p> <p>Geometry - Shape 3D & Pattern</p> <p>Number - Adding & Subtracting (Adding)</p>
Theme	Amazing Animals
Personal, Social and Emotional	This half term we will focus on the theme ' Being Safe '. The unit will focus on staying safe when out and about, staying safe by the road, things that we can eat, things that are hot and online safety.

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Understanding the World	We will explore the following themes: Seasons – winter Animals that live in cold places Animals that live in hot places Animal habitats Nocturnal Animals
Expressive Arts	We will explore the following themes through art, music and dance. Seasons – winter Animals that live in cold places Animals that live in hot places Animal habitats Nocturnal Animals We will also take part in a weekly music lesson led by Mrs Whitley.
Physical Development	We will focus on hand-eye co-ordination and object control and dance. Our PE sessions will be led by ASM.
Religious Education	This half term we will focus on the theme Why are some stories special? We will explore a range of parables that Jesus told.

Our P.E. days this term are **Monday** and **Thursday**.

Our library book day this term is **Wednesday**.

Please ensure your child brings their reading folder to school every day.

Thank you for your support and, should you require any other information, please let us know.

Kind regards,

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