



St. Werburgh's C. E. Primary School

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08th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year everyone!

Re: Year 4 Curriculum Update - Spring Term (first half)

Below is a brief outline of the curriculum areas we will be focusing on in year 4our during the first half of the spring 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, ' Volcanoes. ' 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, clarifying vocabulary and looking at the structure and organisation of the text.
English Writing	During this half term our work will focus on the text, ' Escape from Pompeii. ' We will be using extended noun phrases, conjunctions to extend sentences, writing descriptive writing of a room with a view and adding opinions to our writing. We will also be using present and past tense correctly, including details about the sounds and smells of the past and present.
Maths	During this half term we will focus on: measurement of time place Value addition and subtraction multiplication and division properties of shape fractions measurement of length
Spellings	During this half term we will be focusing on: word lists for years 3 and 4 common exception words words ending in -ion words ending in -sure and -ture words ending in -sion words ending in -cian

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History	During this half term our focus will be 'The Roman Empire and its Impact on Britain.' We will be developing a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of British history and addressing and devising questions about change, cause and significance.
Art	During this half term our focus is 'Roman Art.' This unit gives the children opportunities to develop their techniques including; control and use of materials, experimentation, awareness of different kinds of art, craft and design, recording ideas and observations and improving their mastery of drawing, painting and sculpture.
PSHE	We will explore the topic 'Safety First.' Themes include; new responsibilities, risks, hazards and danger, safety when out and about and dangerous substances.'
PE	This term one of our PE sessions will be swimming and our first session is on Monday 15 th January 2024. Our last session will be on the 5 th February 2024. Our second PE session will be led by ASM on a Wednesday and the focus will be dance.
Religious Education	This half term we will focus on the theme of Judaism. The children will be learning about the importance of the Torah, exploring the features of a synagogue, learning different names for the synagogue, looking at the features of a synagogue and how worship is important to Jewish people. The children will be able to make links to the fact that Jesus was Jewish and to learn about the different celebrations for Jewish people.
Spanish	In Year 4 we will be completing a unit in Spanish called 'Me Presento' (presenting myself) where we will learn how to describe lots of things about ourselves in Spanish!
Computing	This term we will be introduced to variables in computing. The children will learn how a variable can be used to keep track of the score in a game, they will also learn how to set the value of a variable and how to use multiple different variables.
Science	In Science, the children will learn about states of matter. They will compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gasses. They will observe that some materials change state when heated or cooled and they will identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle.

Our P.E. days this term are Monday and Wednesday. The children will have swimming on Monday and will need a costume or swimming trunks and a towel. Children with long hair will need a swimming cap. On Wednesday the children will have dance, which will be led by ASM. It is important that your child has their full PE kit in school on Wednesdays.

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The children will continue to 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. The children need to learn their times tables from 1-12. The test is timed so they really need to practise fast recall of the tables.

It is imperative that the children read every day, so 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 the children's imaginative and writing skills. I have noticed that many of the children are eager to change their books and are becoming little book worms! This is so refreshing to see and makes a huge difference.

We acknowledge that learning takes place both at home and at school and with this in mind we would like to 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. I have enjoyed sharing their interests with the rest of the class so far.

The children have settled well after the holidays and are excited about the topics we are covering this half term. I look forward to another great term with them.

Kind regards,

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