



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

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12th April 2023

Dear parents and carers,

Re: Year 4 Curriculum Update - Summer Term (1st Half)

Below is a brief outline of the curriculum areas we will be focusing on in Year Four during the first half of the summer term.

Please note that the below 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	Our work will focus on the text; 'Great Women Who Saved The Planet' by Kate Pankhurst. We will be looking at the structure and organisation of the text, summarising paragraphs and drawing inference from the text.
English Writing	During this half term our work will focus on the texts; 'Where the Forest meets the Sea' by Jeannie Baker and '100 facts about the Rainforests by Miles Kelly. We will be focusing on planning our writing by discussing the structure, vocabulary and grammar of similar pieces, evaluating our writing, using the possessive apostrophes with plural nouns, gaining, maintaining and monitoring the interest of the listener and retrieving and recording information from non-fiction texts.
Maths	Throughout the first half of the summer term, we will be covering the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Multiplication and Division</li><li>• Decimals</li><li>• Perimeter and Area</li></ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Addition and subtraction</li><li>• Measurement</li><li>• Properties of Shape</li></ul>
Spellings	During this half term, the children will be focusing on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Homophones,</li><li>• Word Lists for Years 3, 4,</li><li>• contractions,</li><li>• 'ou as in young',</li><li>• -y as in gym,</li><li>• The suffix- ous,</li><li>• ei, -eigh, or -ey as in beige, eight, grey</li><li>• Words ending in -gue, -que</li></ul>
History	During this half term our focus will be 'Crime and Punishment' Themes include; Do laws and punishments change over time? What is a crime? How has the police force changed over time? What were punishments in the past meant to achieve? How and why have attitudes changed towards the suffragette?
Art	We will be learning about Form, Texture and Printing with a focus on proportionate figure drawing. We will also complete an artist study on Van Gogh, recreating the 'Prisoner's Exercising' painting.
PSHE	We will explore topics on the theme of: 'Growing Up' Changing bodies, changing emotions and relationships and families.

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PE	We will focus on Net and Wall Skills, which will include; Choosing and using a range of simple tactics and strategies, knowing why warming up is important, recognising how playing affects their bodies and consolidating and developing the range and consistency of their skill in net games. 'Kwik Cricket' PE sessions will be led by ASM.
Religious Education	This half term we will focus on the theme of What it is like to follow God? The unit will focus on making clear links between the story of Noah and the idea of covenant. We will discuss why God chose Noah, will explore the story of Abraham and think about how Christians today trust in Gods promise.
Science	Our theme for this half term is 'Power it Up!' This includes; Reviewing the uses of electricity, the importance of safety before constructing simple circuits, constructing a simple, series electrical circuit, identifying and naming basis parts, recognising that a switch opens and closes a circuit, recognising some common conductors and insulators and associating metals with being good conductors and designing an alarm using their knowledge of circuits.
Computing	In computing this term, we will be looking at data logging. Children will explore different types of data and how it can be collected.

Our P.E. days this term are Monday and Tuesday. It is important your child has a PE kit in school on these days.

It is really important that the children practise their times tables every day. The times tables test will be straight after half term. 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

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me know of any clubs or sport activities that your child takes part in, so that we can celebrate with them at school.

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

Kind regards,

Miss Bullock  
Year 4 Class Teacher

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