



St. Werburgh's C. E. Primary School

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Monday 11th November

Dear parents and carers,

Re: Year 2 Autumn Term Curriculum Update

Below you will find a brief outline of the curriculum areas which we will be focusing upon in class throughout the second part of the autumn term in Year 2.

Please note, that the list is a summary and is subject to change over the course of the term. It does, however, offer a little information to enable you to further-support your child's learning. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

English	<p>We will be focusing on: Non-Chronological Report & Poetry.</p> <p>We will also be focusing upon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Using co-ordination (but, or)• Adding -ly to turn adjectives into adverbs• Writing for different purposes• Using commas to separate items in a list <p>Throughout this term, we will be looking at different texts including: 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark. Plus, texts linked to our wider curriculum subjects to promote discussion and reading for pleasure.</p> <p>The children will have daily phonics and spelling lessons and will also be learning to read and spell 'High Frequency Words' and 'Common Exception Words'.</p> <p>Through Guided Reading sessions, whole class reading, and individual reading, the children will be taught the skills of fluent reading, discussion of texts, and how to take information from their reading to answer questions. Our focus text this term will be: 'Above and Below' by Hanako Clulow.</p>
Maths	<p>This term, we will be covering the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multiplication and Division• Time

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fractions• Position and Direction <p>Lessons will also give children the opportunities to use and apply their knowledge and understanding through Problem Solving.</p>
Science	<p>Our topic this half term will be 'Material Monsters'. During this, lessons will allow the children to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognise and identify properties of common materials.• Recognise materials are chosen because of their properties.• Investigate properties of different materials.• Investigate which materials are waterproof.• Investigate which materials are used outside and why.
Geography	<p>This term, the children will learn about the weather and seasons. As part of this, they will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify and describe different types of weather.• Recognise weather symbols and use them correctly.• Create map symbols and a key.• Understand why weather changes.• Understand that there are four seasons.• Talk about the weather in UK cities.
RE	<p>This term, we will be answering the question 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?'. Through this the children will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Retell the events of the Nativity story.• Compare the Nativity story in different Gospels.• Consider how Christians celebrate Christmas at home and in church.• Understand what lessons can be learnt by Christians from Jesus' birth.• Recognise how Christmas has changed.
Computing	<p>Our focus will be 'Using Word'. Through this the children will learn:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use special keys and save in an appropriate folder.• Correct errors by using mouse and arrow keys to navigate• Use formatting to change the style, size and colour of font.• Input, move and resize a text box.• Use the delete and backspace key.
Art	In Art, the children will be learning about colour. Within this, they will focus upon; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognising primary and secondary colours.• Mixing different colours to make a new colour.• Adding white to a colour to create tint.• Adding black to a colour to create shades.• Compare the effects of tints and shades have on the mood of the artwork.• To investigate and name warm and cool colours.
PE	PE will be taught Tuesday and Friday by ASM. This term, we will be focussing on sending and receiving a ball.
Music	Mrs Whiteley will continue to teach Music to our children on Tuesday mornings.

Our P.E. days this term are Tuesday and Friday. As you will be aware, we are unable to remove any earrings, so, if your child is unable to remove their own, please take them out before they come to school.

The children will receive a piece of homework on Wednesday and this should be returned to school by following Tuesday.

Your child will bring home a school reading book. If the children are reading the Read, Write Inc. Book Bag phonic books, we ask that the book is read three times before it is brought into school to be changed. This is to help to develop the children's fluency and reading speed. As they move on to the TMPF reading levels, the children should read the book once before it is changed.

The class will be led by myself Monday to Thursday, and Mr Day on Friday.

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

Kind regards,

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