



St. Werburgh's C. E. Primary School

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13th October 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Re: Autumn Half-Termly Curriculum Update

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

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 us.

Core Subjects

Literacy

This term in English, we will be learning to write:
A recount

We will also be focusing upon:

- Using Standard English forms for verb inflections.
- Extending the range of sentences with more than one clause.
- Using a wider range of conjunctions including when, if, because, although.
- Indicating possession by using the possessive apostrophe with plural nouns.
- Recognising the difference between plural and possessive's'.
- Building a varied and rich vocabulary.

These skills will be taught through topic work and work based on:

- Leon and the Place Between by Grahame Baker Smith & Angela McAllister.

In spelling sessions, children will continue to learn spellings and spelling patterns from the year group that they are in, following our spelling scheme, 'Pathways to Spell'.

- Through Guided Reading sessions, shared reading in class and individual reading, the children will be taught the skills of using prediction from what might happen from details stated and implied, explore the meaning of words in context and retrieve, record and present information.

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Maths/ Numeracy	<p>This term in Maths, we will be covering the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Decimals• Position and direction• Mass• Time• Place value <p>Daily timestables' tests will take place throughout the week, which will aid their understanding of timestables up to 12x12. Through continuous practice both in school and at home on TT Rockstars, this will greatly improve their fluency and recall.</p>
Science	<p>Our Science topic this term is Living things and their habitats. During this unit we will learn to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify how living things can be grouped differently;• Explore and use keys to identify and name a variety of living things;• Research how changes to habitats can pose dangers to living things.
RE	<p>Throughout this term we will be learning about Incarnation: What is the Trinity?</p>
<u>Wider Curriculum Subjects</u>	
<p>This term, Year 4 will be focussing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Geography – The Americas;• D&T – Kites;• Computing – Blogging;• PSHE – Respecting Rights; <p>Throughout the foundation subjects, cross-curricular links will be developed and the children will be given regular opportunities to reinforce and use their Literacy and Numeracy skills.</p>	
Computing	<p>In computing this term we will be looking at Blogging. Children will be learning to recognise the features of a blog, know what makes a good blog and writing their own blog post.</p>
D&T	<p>The children will focus on their understanding of frame structures and how they can be strengthened and stiffened. We will discover information about a key event involving a kite that helped shape the world. Throughout this term, we will also gain knowledge and understanding about the parts and shapes of kites. This will help them when designing and making their own kites. Finally, we will test and evaluate their kites against design criteria they have created.</p>
Geography	<p>During the term, the children will focus on North and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, states and (some) major cities.</p>

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P.E.	Year 4 children will have PE on Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning this term. Throughout the term, the children will explore a range of sporting opportunities to develop their skills and fitness.
P.S.H.E.	Our PSHE topic is 'Respecting Rights' The children will focus on what makes human rights universal; understanding the importance of The Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Declaration of the Rights of the Child and what democracy is and how this relates to rules and human rights.

Homework will be set on a Wednesday and this should be handed in on the following Tuesday. In Year 4, children are expected to complete one piece of Maths, one piece of Literacy and as many practises on TT rockstars as they are able to.

Reading books should be read over a period of time and sent back into school when it needs changing. There are no set days for this and we will change them when necessary. Please focus on a few pages at a time ensuring that your child understands the events taking place, using the text to find answers and inferring characters' thoughts and feelings based on events that have taken place in the book.

Should you wish to contact me, please feel to do so via the school office or via our school email address which is yearfour@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk

If I, or any member of the school team can be of any help then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards for an exciting term ahead.

Miss Bullock and Miss Fallows

Year 4 Class Teachers