



St. Werburgh's C. E. Primary School

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Monday, 8th January 2025

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 Naughty Bus by Jan Oke. We will also explore other texts such as <i>On the road with Mavis and Marge</i> by Niamh Sharkey, <i>You can't take an elephant on a bus</i> by Patricia Cleveland Peck, <i>The train ride</i> by June Crebbin.</p> <p>We will focus on a Poetry unit focusing on The Pond. The poetry unit is linked to performing poems and rhymes.</p>
Phonics	<p>We will consolidate Set 1 sounds and begin to introduce the Set 2 sounds. We will continue to develop the children's skills at reading and writing green and red words.</p> <p>You can expect your child to start bringing home a combination of speed sound books, green words, red words and reading books as the term progresses.</p>
Maths	<p>During this half term we will focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Measure: MoneySubitisingCounting, ordinality and cardinalityComposition <p>Our number work links with the Number blocks characters and programmes.</p>
Theme	Journeys
Personal, Social and Emotional	<p>This half term we will focus on the theme Valuing differences. We will explore we are each special, how we are the same/ different, how our</p>

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	families and homes are the same/ different, being caring and being a good friend.
Understanding the World	We will explore the following themes: Christmas Winter Winter Birds Winter Animals Freezing/ Melting Chinese New Year
Expressive Arts	We will explore the following themes through art, music and dance. Winter Winter Birds and Animals Exploring texture Chinese New Year We will also take part in a weekly music lesson led by Mrs Whitley.
Physical Development	We will focus on the hand-eye coordination, 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. The unit will enable the children to explore stories from the Bible and from other faiths.

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

We will begin to send library books home on a **Wednesday**.

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

Now that your child has settled into Reception it is important that they now become a little more independent. Over this half term please encourage your child to say goodbye at the door each morning, allowing them to hang up their own coat and bag. A member of staff will be on hand to help if they need a little support.

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

Kind regards,

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