



St. Werburgh's C. E. Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

Spring Term 2 Curriculum Update - Year 3

Below, you will find a brief outline of the curriculum areas which we will be focusing upon in Year 3, throughout the spring term. Whilst ensuring that the children are introduced to new learning, we will be also revisiting and reinforcing any learning from Year 2.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

<u>Core Subjects</u>	
English	<p>This term, we will be focussing on fictional/non-fiction-based texts in which the children will deepen their understanding of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Non-fiction - information writing/letter writing. <p>During which they will learn how to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use adverbs to express time, place and cause;• Build an increasing range of sentence structures;• Use headings and sub-headings to aid presentation;• Assess the effectiveness of own and others' writing;• Read aloud own writing using appropriate intonation and controlling the tone and volume so that meaning is clear;• Use present perfect form of the verb in contrast to the past tense. <p>This term, we will be reading the following texts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Big Blue Whale by Nicola Davies;• The Silence Seeker by Ben Morley. <p><u>Reading</u></p> <p>Through whole class reading, Guided Reading sessions, shared reading in class and individual reading, the children will be taught how to infer information, along with developing their tone, fluency and expression. To gain understanding of the texts they read, children will be asked to retell stories as well as answering questions to show their understanding of the text.</p>

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	This term, we will be reading the following text: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Morning I Met a Whale by Michael Morpurgo.
Maths	This term in Maths, we will be covering the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number and place value;• Addition and Subtraction;• Multiplication and division;• Statistics;• Measurement;• Fractions. <p>Multiplication practise will take place, throughout the week, which will aid their understanding of multiplication and division facts up to 12x12. Through continuous practice both in school and at home this will aid their speed and accuracy.</p>
Science	In Science, we will be investigating 'Light and Shadows'.
R.E.	During this term, the children will be learning about 'Why do Christians call the day Jesus died Good Friday?'
Wider Curriculum	
Throughout the foundation subjects, cross-curricular links will be developed, and the children will be given regular opportunities to reinforce and apply their English and Mathematical skills.	
Geography	During this term, the children will be exploring the unit 'OUR WORLD: Where on Earth are we?' In which they will learn to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• understand that flat 2-D maps and spherical 3-D physical and political globes all represent our world, but in diverse ways;• demonstrate the relationship between maps and globes, and explore the idea of addresses;• be able to identify the position of lines of latitude and name the Equator, Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, and the Polar circles, Arctic, and Antarctic, and the North and South Poles;• explore what is meant by longitude, and about the Earth's daily rotation and its effects;• introduce the International Date Line and time around the world;• describe the significance of latitude and longitude, and how they are used to describe the location of points on the Earth's surface.

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Computing	With a focus on Coding, the children will explore the following unit 'Conditional Events and Selecting'.
DT	This term's DT will be textiles, in which we will be designing and making a sunglasses case.
P.H.S.E.	In PHSE lessons, the children will be developing their understanding of 'keeping safe'.
P.E.	In P.E. this term, swimming lessons will be provided on a Monday afternoon, and an additional session will be provided by ASM sports coaches on a Tuesday afternoon (gymnastics). Please ensure that your child has the correct kit in school, long hair is tied back, and no jewellery is worn - including fitness trackers.
Foreign Languages	This term's Spanish lessons will be focussing on 'Los animales' in which they will explore a variety of different animals; developing their speaking, listening and writing skills.
Music	Music will be provided by Mrs Whiteley throughout this term.

Homework

Homework this term, will be sent out on a **Wednesday** and is to be returned no later than the following Tuesday.

Reading

It will help your child's learning if you could spend a little time reading a book, at home, with them in the evening. To have a significant impact on their reading comprehension, it is essential that they spend as much time discussing the book (at least 3 times each week), as they do reading it. Please could reading books be brought into school daily.

Multiplication tables

To continue to progress as a young mathematician, your child would notably benefit from becoming confident with all the multiplication and division facts up to 12x12. All children have access to Times Table Rock Stars and with regular practise it will help develop their speed and accuracy.

Working in partnership is, I am sure that you agree, the best way for us to help boost your child's learning and allow them to really shine in all areas of school life.

Kind regards,
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