



St. Werburgh's C. E. Primary School

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Friday 28th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Spring Term (2) Curriculum Update – Year 4

Below you will find a brief outline of the curriculum areas which we will be focusing upon in class throughout the spring term. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

<u>Core Subjects</u>	
English	<p>This term in English, we will be learning to write: Fiction – First person recount. We will also be focusing upon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expanded noun phrases;• Correct use of nouns and pronouns;• Fronted adverbials;• Organising paragraphs around themes;• Using a range of conjunctions.• <p>These skills will be taught through topic work and work based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• When the Giant Stirred by Celia Godkin <p>In spellings this year, children will be filling the gaps in their spelling knowledge as well as learning new spellings from the year group they are in.</p> <p>Through Guided Reading sessions, shared reading in class and individual reading, the children will be taught the skills of using relevant quotations to support what they are saying. They will also further progress their retrieval and inference skills and continue to learn about the layout and key features of texts as well as making comments about the writer's language choices and how this impacts on the reader.</p>

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Maths	<p>This term in Maths, we will be covering the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decimals • Addition and subtraction • Length and height • Perimeter and area • Statistics • Number Place Value <p>Weekly times tables' tests will take place throughout the week, which will aid their understanding of times tables up to 12x12. Through continuous practice both in school and at home on TT Rockstars, this will greatly aid their speed and accuracy.</p>
Science	<p>Our Science topic this term is Teeth and Eating. Throughout this topic, we will look at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To explore the different types of teeth, their uses and importance; • To understand how the digestive system works and the functions of each part; • To construct a variety of food chains, being able to identify producers, predators and prey.
RE	<p>During the Spring term, we will be focusing on the topics of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How and why do Christians remember Jesus' last supper?
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Foundation Subjects</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Our topic this term is 'Rivers and the water cycle.'</p> <p>Throughout the foundation subjects, cross-curricular links will be developed and the children will be given regular opportunities to reinforce and use their English and Maths skills.</p>	
Geography	<p>In Geography, the children will learn to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name and locate some of the UK's and the world's most significant rivers and mountain environments; • Learn about the features of a named river (the River Thames) in the UK, from source to mouth; • Learn how rivers and mountains are formed;

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify some of the processes associated with rivers;• Understand where rivers and mountains fit into the water cycle.
D&T	During Design and Technology, we will learn about 'moving monsters.' Children will explore simple electrical circuits and create their own night light.
Computing	In computing this term, we will be continuing to learn about Coding. This is a great topic and allows children to explore using computer programming, allowing them to make their own computer games.
PSHE	Our PSHE topic for this term is 'Keeping Safe'. The children will learn to distinguish between danger, risk and hazard as well as how to keep themselves and others safe.
Spanish	During this half term, we will be looking at the story 'Ricitos de oro y los tres osos': Goldilocks and the three bears. We will learn to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not only sit and listen attentively to the story but to recognise, understand and remember more of the new language.• Increase their memory potential in Spanish by using picture cards, word cards and phrase cards in Spanish.• Increase their thinking and reasoning skills in Spanish, identifying strategies to use in the future for memorising new words and phrases.• Attempt to spell in Spanish.
Music	Music will continue to be taught by Mrs Whiteley.
Physical Education	Year 4 children will have PE on Tuesday morning and Wednesday afternoon this term. Throughout the term, the children will explore a range of sporting opportunities to develop their skills and fitness. Please ensure that the children have their PE kit in school, long hair is tied back and all jewellery is removed.

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Class homework will be sent out every Wednesday and should be returned to school the following Tuesday. It will be one piece of English and Maths per week. TT Rockstars will also be set as an optional, but recommended piece of homework, to increase speed, accuracy and confidence in preparation for the Multiplication Table Check in the summer. The children can access TT Rockstars as many times as they wish throughout the week.

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

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