



St. Werburgh's C. E. Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

Re: Spring Term 2 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 spring 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 me.

<u>Core Subjects</u>	
Literacy	<p>We will be learning to write:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A biography. <p>We will also be focussing upon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Using a range of verb forms consistently;• Commas to clarify meaning;• Link ideas across paragraphs using adverbials to create cohesion;• Use of parenthesis;• Extending sentences to use a variety of clauses;• Using colons and dashes to mark boundaries between independent clauses. <p>These skills will be taught through topic work and through work based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 'The Darkest Dark' by Chris Hadfield. <p>In spelling sessions this year, all children will be learning spellings from the year group that 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 learn about the layout features of texts as well as making comments about the writers' choices and how this impacts on the reader. The text that we will be focussing upon this term in guiding reading is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 'Exploring Space' by The Literacy Company.

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Maths/ Numeracy	This term in Maths, we will be covering the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fractions, decimals and percentages;• Statistics;• Length and height;• Perimeter and area;• Number and Place Value
Science	Our Science topic this term will be learning about Forces.
RE	This half term, children will be learning about Salvation as we prepare for Easter.
<u>Wider Curriculum Subjects</u>	
This term, Key Stage 2 will be focussing on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Geography – Journeys: trade;• Computing – Coding and Excel;• PSHE –Keeping Safe;• D.T. – Cams;• Spanish – Phonics. 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.	
Geography	In this unit, the children will find out about the UK's global trade links, investigating where everyday products come from and the journeys they take to our homes. The children will also map the journeys taken by items, and research the pros and cons of buying local or imported goods.
Computing	During Coding lessons, children will learn to use a code and de-bug algorithms to ensure they run correctly. During lessons on Excel, children will begin to understand the basics of how this works and use formula.
D.T.	During this unit, children will design and animal and use cams to create moving parts.
P.E.	Children will continue to have P.E. on Monday and Thursday afternoons, which will be taught by ASM.

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MFL	Over the course of the half term, children will be learning about phonics
Music	Music will continue to be delivered by Mrs Whiteley on a Tuesday and they will continue to study the recorder.
P.S.H.E.	During this term's PSHE lessons, children will learn to be spot bullying, make decisions and learn about things that may harm their health.

Homework will be set on a Monday and this should be handed in the following Monday. 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.

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.

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