



St. Werburgh's C. E. Primary School

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Friday 28th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Spring Term (Second Half) Curriculum Update – Year 6

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.

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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Recount – Persuasive letter* Journalistic Report <p>We will also be focusing upon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Distinguishing between the language of speech and writing;• Recognising vocabulary and structures for formal speech and writing;• Using semi colons and colons to mark boundaries between independent clauses;• Using a variety of verb forms including progressive and the present perfect. <p>These skills will be taught through topic work and work based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>The Day the War Came</i> by <i>Nicola Davies</i>;• <i>Island</i> by <i>Jason Chin</i>. <p>In spellings this term, children will continue to fill the gaps in their spelling knowledge as well as learn 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 improve their retrieval and inference skills and continue to learn about the layout and key features of texts as well as making comments about the writers' language choices and how these impact on the reader.</p>
Maths	<p>This term in Maths, we will be covering the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number and place value• Algebra• Properties of shapes• Multiplication and division - decimals• Fractions



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ratio and Proportion• Statistics• Measurement – Mass• Perimeter and Area <p>Weekly arithmetic tests will take place throughout the week, which will aid their understanding of all four operations and 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 half term is Healthy Bodies. The children will be learning to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood.• Recognised the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their body's function.• Describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans
RE	<p>During the second half of the spring term, we will be focusing on the topics of Salvation – What difference does the resurrection make for Christians?</p>

Foundation Subjects

Geography (second half term)	<p>In this unit, the children will consider if we are damaging our world and how we can protect it. The children will investigate energy production, the oceans and minerals, as well as conducting an enquiry into how the school can become more sustainable.</p>
D&T	<p>Design and Technology will be taught in the second half of the autumn term. The topic will be 'Felt Phone Cases'. They will design products with the user in mind thinking about aesthetics and functionality. Annotated designs will be used to communicate ideas as well as step-by-step plans. Children will learn how to make a paper template and how to sew a running stitch, backstitch, whipstitch and blanket stitch.</p>
Computing	<p>In computing this term we will continue to be looking at Coding. The children will learn a number of skills: writing code; debugging code; identifying and using variables; identifying and using Booleans Debugging and solving errors.</p>
PSHE	<p>In the second half of the term, the children will explore the topic of 'Keeping Safe. They will explore the importance of responsible and respectful behaviour both online and offline, including understanding the risks of sharing personal information and the spread of online content. They will learn about privacy, safe communication, and the legal implications of sharing explicit</p>



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	content. The curriculum also covers emotional needs, addiction, and how these factors influence behaviour. Students will gain insight into the medical and legal aspects of drugs and alcohol, including associated risks and laws. They will discuss the concept of independence and responsibility, and explore positive ways to meet emotional needs.
Foreign Languages	Spanish will continue to be taught on a Friday. This term, the children will be introduced to the unit "En El Colegio," focusing on vocabulary for school subjects. They will build on this by learning how to express opinions and form short phrases. The curriculum will include revising numbers 1-12 and learning how to tell the time in Spanish. Students will practice combining these skills to discuss the time they study different subjects.
Music	Music will continue to be taught by Mrs Whiteley every Tuesday – the children will be learning to play the recorder.
Physical Education	Year 6 children have PE on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings . Please ensure that the children have their PE kit in school, long hair is tied back and all jewellery is removed. PE will be taking place outside this term, as much as possible, so children will need to ensure that they have appropriate kit.

Class homework will reset every **Wednesday** and should be returned to school the following **Tuesday**. This half term, the children may choose to revise topics of their choice each week, completing a minimum of **3 pages across both** of their SATs revision book (2 SPaG, 1 maths or 2 maths, 1 SPaG). The children also need to continue to revise their times tables through TTRS.

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.

Mrs Steventon
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