



St. Werburgh's C. E. Primary School

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Friday 8th September 2023

Dear parents and carers,

Re: Year 1 Autumn Term Curriculum

Below you will find a brief outline of the curriculum areas which we will be focusing upon in class throughout the autumn 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 about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prediction;• Fiction – oral and written retelling;• Narratives and description. <p>We will also be focusing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Securing the use of known graphemes and phonemes in order to correctly spell words used in writing;• Learning new graphemes and phonemes to aid reading;• Exploring sentence structure and the key areas of sentence writing. <p>In Year 1, we will have daily phonics lessons to help teach, strengthen and support phonetic knowledge. Phonics is an important lesson within Year 1, as it is the building blocks of reading and writing;</p> <p>Through 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 and their use of learnt phonics.</p>

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Maths/ Numeracy	<p>This term in Maths, we will be covering the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number;• Shape;• Addition and Subtraction; <p>During these lessons we will begin to explore numbers to 50, sequencing them and using them in different forms of problem solving. Furthermore, we will investigate different shape and begin to develop a better understanding of 2-d and 3-d shapes.</p>
Science	<p>Our Science topics this term will be 'Animals and Plants' and 'Who am I?'. During these lessons we will be learning about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Different plants and their structure;• Types of trees found around the world;• The human body and its different parts;• The five senses and their uses.
RE	<p>The Autumn term will allow the class to look at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creation;• The importance of Christmas to Christians.
<u>Wider Curriculum</u>	
<p>Throughout the Wider Curriculum, cross-curricular links will be developed and the children will be given regular opportunities to reinforce and use their Literacy and Numeracy skills.</p>	
History	<p>This term, the children will be learning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• About the similarities and differences between their own lives and that of those in the past;• How to ask and answer historically based questions with accuracy and understanding;• About how events and people fit together chronologically.
Geography	<p>During the Autumn term, children will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Investigating significant local features and landmarks;• Comparing journeys and landscapes;• Learning about maps, map-making and symbols.

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Computing	This Term, our focus will be on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• E-Safety and Digital Literacy.• Basic use of Microsoft Word.
Art/D.T	This term children will be improving their design and technology skills through creating their own playground equipment and broadening their understanding of colour – both primary and secondary.
P.E.	PE will be taught by ASM on both a Wednesday and Friday afternoon. Please remember to have kit in schools, long hair tied back and no jewelry, including earrings.
P.S.H.E – Personal, Social and Health Education	This term, we will be learning about: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working and contributing to a team;• Belonging to a community or group;
Music	Mrs. Whiteley will deliver our Music lessons throughout the year.

Year 1's Weekly Schedule	
Monday	
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading Books Changed• Homework in;
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Homework in;• P.E.
Thursday	
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• P.E.,• Reading Books Changed,• Library Book Swap.

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Reading Books

In Year 1, we will continue to send home the Read, Write, Inc. phonics books as home reading. These books have been levelled to each child based on their grapheme understanding and, as such, the children should be able to read their books independently. When reading the books, children may use techniques to split and blend words – this is completely ok! These phonic books should be read 3 times (once a night over 3 days) to help build fluency and word recognition. Due to this, reading books will be changed on a Tuesday and Friday each week.

After a relaxing summer break, I hope you are all looking forward for a new school year and the start of your time in Year 1! Over this term we will be working hard and learning lots of new things; building our love of learning through exploring the world. Although we will be busy working, that doesn't mean we won't be having fun; there are lots of smiles and laugh ahead of us so let's go!

I am looking forward to the term ahead and I am sure that you are too! 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.

Mr Casey

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