



St. Werburgh's C. E. Primary School

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February 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Re: Spring Half-Termly Curriculum Update

Below you will find a brief outline of the curriculum areas which we will be focusing upon in class throughout the first 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 free verse poem describing the wonder of the world using metaphor;• An autobiography about Malala Yousafzai's life. <p>We will also be focussing upon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Experiment with metaphor to make effective comparisons• Experiment with a range of poetry forms• Use relative clauses beginning with who, which, when, where, whose, that or an omitted relative pronoun• Extend the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions• Use brackets and commas to indicate parenthesis• Link ideas across paragraphs using adverbials of time, place and number• Engage the reader through the use of feelings, description and opinion• Write in consistent tense using a range of verb forms• Use formal language appropriately <p>These skills will be taught through topic work and through work based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 'I am the seed that grows the tree: A nature poem for every day of the year' edited by Fiona Waters• 'Malala's Magic Pencil' by Malala Yousafzai <p>In spelling sessions this year, all children will be learning spellings and spelling patterns from the year group that they are in. We are now following a scheme called 'Pathways to Spell'.</p>

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	<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.
Maths/ Numeracy	<p>This term in Maths, we will be covering the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fractions – ordering, adding and subtracting;• Length – converting between metric units of length and using approximate equivalences of imperial units of length;• Decimals – rounding and ordering;• Addition and Subtraction – adding and subtracting decimals;• Statistics – use data in line graphs to solve problems, read and interpret tables and timetables, read and solve problems using line graphs.
Science	<p>Our Science topic this term will be learning about forces. During this topic, we will learn about the effects of gravity, air and water resistance, friction and look at how levers and pulleys work.</p>
RE	<p>Throughout the Spring term, we will be learning about The Easter Story.</p>

Wider Curriculum Subjects

This term, Year 5 will be focussing on:

- Geography – A study of an alpine region;
- DT – mechanisms;
- Computing – Coding;
- PSHE – It's my body;
- Spanish -

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.

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Computing	Our focus will be on Coding and how to run a code by setting limits and values.
DT	This term, children will focus their studies on making a toy with moving animal parts.
Geography	During the term, children will learn to locate Alpine regions, understand how mountains are formed. And how avalanches have formed the landscape. They will also learn about how homes in these regions are designed to suit their physical location and the importance of tourism.
P.E.	This term, the children will be learning Outdoor Adventurous Activities on Thursdays and Gymnastics on a Monday.
MFL	Modern Foreign Language lessons will be delivered by Mr Day on a Friday afternoon. This term, the children will be learning about the Romans
P.S.H.E.	This unit is designed to help children understand how to look after their body, how to make healthy choices and discuss ways in which people think and feel about their body.

Homework will be set on a Wednesday and this should be handed in on a Monday. In Year 5, children are expected to complete one piece of Maths, Reading and SPaG.

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.

More information about spelling will be sent in due course.

Should you wish to contact me, please feel to do so via the school office or via the school email address which is yearfive@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk.

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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