

Literacy

This half term the children will be immersed in the Roald Dahl text—The Witches. Through reading and discussing the text as well as developing further writing skills the children will be writing character descriptions, diary entries, an explanation text and narrative. The key skills we will be covering in order to transform the children's writing will be:-

- Embellishing simple sentences
- Compound sentences
- Similes
- Conditionals
- Describing characters thoughts, opinions and feelings.
- Paragraphs and sequencing
- Use of speech



Reading

Children will be taught reading within literacy lessons as well as daily focused reading sessions. They will be taught the skills of; comprehension, inference, text structure and organisation, language and themes using a variety of text styles and genres.

R.E.

We will follow the 'Come and See' Catholic religious programme, covering the themes and topics of:

- Domestic Church-The family of God in scripture.
- Judaism
- Baptism/Confirmation-A call to witness



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Science

Our topic on Electricity will spark an interest in all of the children. The children will be encouraged to think up and plan investigations ensuring they are fair. Where possible links to our topic will be made. Children will make simple circuits and name the components. Identify possible errors in circuits. Name different conductors and insulators and investigate the materials which work well as them.

History / Geography

To name and locate counties and cities within the UK.
To use the 4 points of a compass and maps to build up knowledge of the UK
To describe and understand human and physical characteristics within the county of Cornwall and village of Tintagel (home to King Arthur and his Knights) ; including: climate, rivers, mountains,

Maths

This half term the children will learn about the magic and wonder of number. Where possible our lessons will be linked to our topic. Beginning with a focus on place value, we will covering skills such as:-

- Counting in multiples of 6,7,9,25 and 1000
- Finding 1000 more or less than a given number
- Negative numbers
- Place value of four digit numbers
- Comparing and ordering numbers beyond 1000
- Children will also be adding and subtracting numbers up to 4 digits and using estimating skills to help.
- We will also be comparing and classifying geometric shapes, including quadrilaterals and triangles based on their properties and sizes.
- We also hope to convert between different units of measure and learn to calculate perimeters.

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

After an initial assessment to identify the classes strengths and weaknesses in this area we will teach SPAG through regular basic skills lessons which aim to be short, fast paced, interactive sessions which build on skills taught in literacy. We will be following skills outlined in the national curriculum for Year 4.

Art / DT

The children will be learning about the use of line and colour to create illusions and how colour is used within art. They will use a range of mediums including pencil, pen, paint and collage.

They will have the opportunity to construct/ assemble a picture spinner and a 'magical' tube.

The children will also take part in food technology.



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P.E.

The children will be learning hockey skills this half term. We will be learning how to control and pass the ball and how to defend and attack. The children will be taught to think about tactics and good sportsmanship.

Extra Curricular Opportunities

There are a variety of extra curricular activities for children at St Bernadettes. Please click here to see an up to date list of what is currently being offered.

PSHCE

New Beginnings

The children will look at -

Belonging

Self awareness

Understanding feelings

Managing feelings

Social Skills

Making choices

Rights and responsibilities

Educational visits and outdoor learning

No educational visits this half term.

Computing

E-safety and searching the web

We will be looking at how to stay safe on the internet and the potential dangers of the internet.

In order to help with the children's research skills we will be learning the skills of searching the web. This will include:-

- validating websites
- improving searches
- Searching images
- Searching maps

Homework

One piece of homework will be sent out on a Thursday and should be returned to school on a Tuesday. The homework will be reading, writing or maths. In most instances, it will always be linked to work we have covered in lesson time and will be designed to consolidate or extend learning.

Useful websites

<http://www.switchedonkids.org.uk/>

<http://www.maths-games.org/>

[http://resources.woodlands-](http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/revision/engindex.html)

[junior.kent.sch.uk/revision/engindex.html](http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/revision/engindex.html)