

## Literacy

This half term our work will be based around the theme of magic, using Roald Dahl's *George's Marvellous Medicine* as a stimulus for our writing.

We will cover the following:

- Character descriptions- children will analyse how writers show, not tell, the reader about a character.
- Diary entries— children will write from the perspective of one of the main characters.
- Explanation text— we will focus on paragraphs, layout and organisation.

## Reading

Within class and during our literacy lessons we will be reading *George's Marvellous Medicine* by Roald Dahl. In addition, reading sessions and activities will take place daily.

The children will also continue to read one or two books weekly from the ORT

## R.E.

As a Catholic school we follow the diocesan scheme of work, 'Come and See'.

Topics this term include:

Homes  
Judaism.



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### Spelling

We will be begin by focusing on different ways to spell the same sounds. We will be looking at words with the 'u' sound spelt 'ou', words with the 'sh' sound spelled 'ch' and words with the 'ei' sound spelt 'ei', 'eigh' and 'ey'.

### Science

This term the children will complete a physics unit about electricity. To begin the topic children will construct simple circuits and draw them. They find which materials are the best electrical conductors and use this information to make switches. We will then wire plugs and find out what happens to a bulb's brightness when circuits are changed. Children will then independently research scientists.

## Numeracy

Throughout our daily maths lessons we will recap the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables and will begin to learn the 4 and 8. We start this term visiting number and place value. We will be looking at reading and writing numbers up to 1000 and the place value of 3 digit numbers. Children will then look at addition and subtraction, with a focus on developing mental strategies for adding and subtracting. After this, we will look at 2D shapes and their properties. We will end this half term by looking at measures as we will measure, compare, add and subtract: lengths (m/cm/mm); mass (kg/g); volume/capacity (l/ml).

## Grammar and Punctuation

Spelling, grammar and punctuation will be covered during our basic skills lessons. We will begin by recapping word class' and their functions in sentences and capital letters and full stops. We will then look at clauses and different sentence structures (complex, compound and short) and will begin to look at subordinate clauses.

## History / Geography

Geography and history will be covered on a rotational basis every half term. This half term will be a geography focus. The children will be completing a UK case study, looking at the South-West of England, in particular Tintagel studying both the human and physical geographical features.

## French

### Unit 1—Je parle français

During this unit, children will understand and respond to simple classroom commands; use spoken French to meet and greet others; begin to recognise, read and pronounce combinations of letters, words and set phrases and will understand and use numbers 0 to 12.

## Computing

We will begin this half term with a 'writing for different audiences' unit, which will be linked to our Magic topic. During this unit children will cover word processing skills and desktop publishing. We will look at, discuss and use some of the following programmes/APPS: 2Publish, Office and Comic life, Book creator.

## Art/DT

During this half term, we will be looking at illusions in Art and DT. We will explore what an illusion is and will look at various illusions, discussing what we can and can't see. Following this, we will make, draw and create different types of illusions ourselves, linked to our theme of magic.



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### Extra Curricular Opportunities

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

### Educational visits and outdoor learning

Educational visits are yet to be confirmed. Information will be passed on to parents/carers when all lower key stage two trips are organised.

## P.E.

Year 3 will participate in a variation of athletics lessons, focusing on running, throwing and jumping techniques. The children will also continue to have PE

## PSHCE

We are covering the topic of 'New Beginnings' in PSHCE this half term.

## Homework

1 piece of maths or English homework will be sent home on a Thursday to be returned the following Tuesday. In addition to this, it would be beneficial for your children to practice and learn their times tables, with a particular focus on 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10.

## Useful websites

Maths activities including times tables :  
www.topmarks.co.uk  
www.cybercafe.co.uk  
www.switchedonkids.org.uk  
Times Tables Apps: Squeebles  
Percy Parker