

Literacy

This half term we will be using the theme of magic to focus upon the children's literacy skills including:

- descriptive writing (word classes and writing from perspectives)
- explanation texts

We will be focusing on:

- descriptive language
- use of punctuation
- paragraphing and sentence structure
- spelling, grammar and punctuation (SPAG)
- handwriting and presentation skills



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Numeracy

This half term pupils will be focusing on:

- Counting in multiples of 6, 7, 9, 25 and 1000.
- Rounding any number to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000.
- Read Roman numerals to 100.
- Add and subtracting numbers up to 4 digits using formal written methods.
- Multiply 2 and 3 digit numbers by 1 digit.
- To recognise decimal equivalents of simple fractions.
- To round decimals with 1dp to the nearest whole number.

Reading

This half term we will be reading 'The BFG' by Roald Dahl.

Other Roald Dahl books the children might want to read include The Magic Finger, Matilda, George's Marvellous Medicine or Fantastic Mr Fox.

Spelling

Spelling work will be completed throughout the year covering key spelling rules and patterns for our year group.

Science

This half term we will be studying Electricity.

They will:

- identify common appliances that run on electricity
- construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers
- identify whether or not a lamp will light in a simple series circuit, based on whether or not the lamp is part of a complete loop with a battery
- recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and associate this with whether or not a lamp lights in a simple series circuit

Grammar and Punctuation

For further information on the Grammar and Punctuation which will be completed in this year group, please visit - https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/335190/English_Appendix_2_-_Vocabulary_grammar_and_punctuation.pdf

R.E.

This half term is the Domestic Church where we will be looking at and understand God's vision for every family. Alongside this we will be exploring the family of God in scripture. Following on from this topic we shall be exploring the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.

Humanities

This term we will take a the complete a UK Case Study on the magical landmark of Tintagel. They will understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of this region of the United Kingdom, We will also include map work, using the 8 point compass rose and identify counties and capitals of the British Isles.

P.E.

Indoor-Monday, Outdoor- Thursday

The children continue to develop skilful attacking, defending and team play through Basketball with our sports coach Phil. In a range of games, children think about how to use skills, strategies and tactics to outwit the opposition as well as ball skills. In their indoor gymnastics lessons the children will also be making up small routines centred around the key theme of 'travel'.



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FRENCH

This half term we shall be focussing on 'Ma Famille' topic, learning all about members of the family including learning to converse with one another about our family members. We will also learn French numbers to 30 and a range of colours.

PSHCE

This half term we shall focus on the "Going for Goals" unit of the SEAL programme. In this area of seal the children will be taught to recognise their worth as individuals, by identifying positive things about themselves and their achievements, seeing their mistakes, making amends and setting personal goals;

To face new challenges positively by collecting information, looking for help, making responsible choices and taking action;

To recognise the different risks in different situations and then decide how to behave responsibly;

To recognise that their actions affect themselves and others, to care about other people's feelings, and to try to see things from their points of view.

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

This year we have some really exciting visits in Year 3/4 which link directly with the work covered in various areas of the curriculum. Dates to be confirmed.

COMPUTING

This half term we will be using Scratch. This is a visual programming language used to easily create games and provide a stepping stone to the more advanced world of computer programming.

Art / DT

Our class will have the chance to glimpse the fascinating world of Optical Illusions to tie into our magical theme within our literacy lessons. We will create an optical illusion and study some of the forms of illusions created by different artists.

Homework

Homework (Literacy, Numeracy or reading tasks) will be sent out on a Thursday-consolidating class work throughout the week, so any problems can be addressed before the weekend! I run a 'homework workshop' on a Friday morning break time to help your child with any potential problems. All homework should be completed by Tuesday and brought into school.

Please ensure that your child's reading is recorded in their reading record books and signed by you. We check this every Monday and Thursday.

Useful websites

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/listenandwrite/home.htm> - listen to and write poetry

http://interactives.mped.org/view_interactive.aspx?id=110&title - write and publish a newspaper, flyer, brochure or booklet.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/9_10/changing_state.shtml linked to our topics.