

Literacy

This half term our work will be based around the theme of the Romans, using a range of myths and legends as a stimulus for our writing.

We will cover the following:

- Newspaper Reports- we will look at organisation and layout, use of formal language and direct/indirect speech.
- Persuasion- children will explore the features, language and paragraph organisation of persuasive texts before writing their own.



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Spelling

We will continue covering spelling patterns during our basic skills lessons and handwriting practice. We will begin by continuing last term's focus of different ways to spell the same sounds. We will be looking at words with the 'sh' sound spelled 'ch' and words with the 'ei' sound spelt 'ei',

Science

This term the children will complete a biology unit titled animals including humans. During this topic, children will find out about food groups and healthy balanced diets. We will study the human digestive system and explore how food is transported around the body. We will Investigate skeletons and look closely at bones, joints and muscles, comparing this with animal skeletons.

Numeracy

We will begin the term we will look at 2D shapes and their properties. We will then look at measures and will measure, compare, add and subtract: lengths (m/cm/mm); mass (kg/g); volume/capacity (l/ml). We will then look at multiplication and division, children will write and calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division using the multiplication tables that they know (2,3, 4, 5, 8 and 10) We will then move on to fractions, children will count up and down in tenths; recognise that tenths arise from dividing an object or number into 10.

Grammar and Punctuation

Spelling, grammar and punctuation will be covered during our weekly basic skills lessons, linked to our literacy work/topic. We will begin by looking at clauses and different sentence structures.

History / Geography

This half term will be a history focus, looking at Romans in Britain,. The children will learn about the history of Rome - legend and fact - and understand where in Europe Rome is, and how the Romans came to extend their influence and create such a large and influential empire. We will discuss the power and organisation of the army.

Reading

Within class and during our literacy lessons we will be reading extracts from The Orchard Book of Roman Myths and The Thieves of Ostia by Caroline Lawrence. In addition, reading sessions and activities will take place weekly.

R.E.

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

Topics this term include:
Promises

French

Children will continue this unit this term. They 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.



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Extra Curricular Opportunities

There are a variety of extra curricular activities for children at St Bernadette's.

Useful websites

Animation for Children:

<http://www.abcya.com/animate.htm>

The Romans

<http://www.knowtheromans.co.uk/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zwmpfg8>

Healthy Eating

<http://www.nhs.uk/change4life/Pages/change-for-life.aspx>

P.E.

This term, as part of our PE curriculum, Year 3 will complete an intensive 2 week course of swimming lessons at Hadrian Leisure Pool. The children will also continue to have outdoor PE lessons with Phil.

PSHCE

We are covering the topic of 'Relationships' in PSHCE this half term. Our PSHCE work will also make links to British Values and our vision, which is linked to 'Compassion'.

Homework

1 piece of homework will be sent home on a Wednesday to be returned the following Tuesday. In addition to this, it would be beneficial for your children to practice and learn their times tables,

Educational visits and outdoor learning

Educational visits are yet to be confirmed. Information will be passed on when trips are organised.

Computing

We will begin this half term with an introduction to animation, linked to our Roman topic. We will look at what an animation is, looking at 2D animations and will understand what frames are and how these make a moving image. We will use 2Animate to create our own basic animations, then will make more advance animations with backgrounds and scenes.

Art/DT

During this half term, our Art and DT lessons will be focused around Roman art. We will study Roman mosaics and understand their significance in Roman society. We will create our own mosaics and will also be using clay to make replica artefacts.