

Literacy

This half term our work will be based around the theme of the Romans.

We will cover the following:

- Recounts- Covering an historic Roman battle, using features of recounts to tell the tale.
- 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.



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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. 'ch' and words with the 'ei' sound spelt 'ei', 'eigh' and 'ey'.

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. We will also discover the effects of exercise in both science and PE lessons.

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, 5,6,7 8,9,10and 11) 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. Children will also recognise, find and write fractions of a discrete set of shapes and then numbers.

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 (complex, compound and short) and will begin to look at subordinate clauses.

History / Geography

Travel back to Roman Britain as our class explores why Britain was invaded and settled by the Romans and what effects this had on the future of Britain. We will study the rise of the Roman Empire in Britain, opposition from the Celts, the legacy that was left behind when they went home and understand the power and organisation of the Roman army.

Reading

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

The children will also continue to read one or two books weekly from the ORT/ Project X schemes.

R.E.

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

Topics this term include:
Promises and Visitors

French

Unit 3- Ma Famille

Children will continue this unit this term. They will understand and respond to simple classroom commands; use spoken French to meet and greet others and learn colours; begin to recognise, read and pronounce set phrases about family members and will understand and use numbers 0 to 30.

Computing

We will begin this half term with an introduction to Lego programming- building and controlling machines. We will build a model, understanding how to build mechanisms, gears, pulleys and levers and begin to programme it with a series of commands

Art/DT

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



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Extra Curricular Opportunities

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

Useful websites

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 3/4 will complete an intensive 2 week course of swimming lessons at Hadrian Leisure Pool. The children will also continue to have outdoor football 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 for St Bernadette's, which is linked to this term's focus of 'Compassion'.

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,

Educational visits and outdoor learning

Educational visits to Segedunum and The Hancock Museum have been arranged this term to further enhance our learning in History.