

Literacy

This half term our work will be based around the theme of animals using 'The Night Zookeeper' website and story as a stimulus for our writing.

We will cover the following:

- Non-Chronological reports- using ICT to create our own animals and writing a report about them.
- Animal poems-developing their performance poetry skills and compose their own poems.
- Information texts- animal themed using QUAD grid research to produce an oral information text.

Reading

Within class and during our literacy lessons we will be reading extracts from The Night Zookeeper and a Dick King-Smith story- 'Noah's Brother' .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:
Local Church- Community and listening and sharing.



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Spelling

We will continue covering spelling patterns during our basic skills lessons and handwriting practice. We will begin by focusing on 'ous' & 'ation' followed by common homophones and 'ly' adverbs.

Science

This term the children will complete a biology unit titled Living things and their Habitats. This is linked with our topic theme for the first half of the term. We will look at the characteristics of living things and the basic needs their habitats supply. We will then establish why classification of plants and animals is important and progress to classifying a variety of creatures. We will then move on to constructing food chains and webs before finishing the unit by recognising that environments can change and pose a threat to the creatures that live in it.

Numeracy

We will begin the term looking at multiplication and division facts, write and calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division using the multiplication tables that they know (2,3, 4, 5,6,7 8,9,10,11 and 12).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. We will end this half term looking at analogue and digital time.

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 speech marks and direct speech. Different sentence openings, followed by possessive apostrophe work and conjunctions.

Geography European Case Study

Take a trip across the English Channel and discover the continent of Europe. Not only will our class discover some fascinating facts about Europe, but they will also find out about the country of Italy and its human and physical geography.

French

Unit 3- Ma Famille

Children will continue this unit.

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.



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Computing

We will begin this half term studying Repeating Patterns/Editing images. This unit looks at the beauty of repeating patterns in nature and different methods of recreating these with digital art tools and photo editing. We will use our topic of animals as a stimulus to create images using a range of techniques to develop a particular style.

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.

Art/DT

We will be focused around surrealist art.

We will study Rene Magritte and work with different materials for collage work.

We will also be using clay to create imaginary animals and a variety of materials to form their habitats based on our animal topic this term.

Music

We will be learning to play the recorder in Year 3/4 this term. We will learn new skills including getting to know our musical instrument through a variety of fun activities, reading music, finger positions and playing simple tunes.

P.E.

This term, as part of our PE curriculum, Year 3/4 will be introduced to volleyball-learning new skills and playing competitive games. The children will also continue to have outdoor hockey PE lessons with Phil.

PSHCE

We are covering the topic of 'Going for goals' in PSHCE. 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 'Courage'.

Homework

One 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

No educational visits this half term.