

Literacy

We will begin this term with a poetry unit. The children will write their own poetry about animal welfare and will compete with year 4 in a poetry slam. We will explore:

- Alliteration, repetition, similes, metaphors, personification, rhythm and rhyme.

We will then look at and write our own information texts, linked to our science topic.

We will cover:

- Organisational features in non-narrative (subheadings, headings)
- Glossary's
- Formal language



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Reading

Within class and during our literacy lessons we will be reading a range of poetry and *The Night Zookeeper* and *the Spying Giraffes*. In addition, reading sessions and activities will take place weekly. 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:

Listening and Sharing
Giving All

Spelling

We will continue covering spelling patterns during our basic skills lessons and handwriting practice. We will have daily spelling lessons/activities, which will begin on a Monday and end with an assessment lesson on Friday. This term we will cover: the ure sound (ure or ture) and the suffix ous.

Science

This term the children will complete a chemistry unit on States of Matter. Children will learn about the three states of matter (solid, liquid and gas) and will group materials together. We will work scientifically to explore how materials change state when cooled/heated, and will learn how to use a thermometer to measure temperature change. We will look at the water cycle.

Numeracy

This term we will revisit number and place value, this time looking at finding 10/100 more/less of a number, and ordering/comparing numbers. Following on from this, we will revisit addition and subtraction focusing on mental methods, formal written methods (up to 3 digits) and problem solving. After this, we will return to measures, in the context of money and perimeter. Children will add and subtract amounts of money to give change, using both pounds and pence. Following this, we will measure the perimeter of simple 2D shapes.

Grammar and Punctuation

SPAG will be covered during basic skills lessons and also within our literacy lessons. We will continue to look at different sentence structures. We will also continue to look at speech, with a focus on different contexts of speech, the punctuation and layout.

History / Geography

This half term will be a history focus, looking at The Anglo Saxons. Children will begin the unit by looking at the settlements, invasions and kingdoms of the Anglo-Saxons. We will then explore place names and village life in more detail. We will also look at Anglo Saxon art and culture within our history and art lessons.

French

Unit 2—Je me presente

At the end of this unit, children will learn and use set phrases to talk about themselves and ask others for simple personal information; understand numbers from 12 to 21, understand and use days of the week and weather phrases.



P.E.

This term, as part of our PE curriculum, Year 3 will be learning the skills required to play Volleyball. Following on from this, we will complete a Dance unit of work. The children will also continue to have outdoor PE lessons with Phil.

Computing

This half term we will be completing a unit titled **Programming Scratch Maze Games**. Children will use this programme to build their own adventure maze games! They will create a maze to guide their character through, add baddies and add objects to collect. Children will programme the algorithms themselves and must identify problems with their game, which they must then debug.

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PSHCE

We are covering the topic of 'Going for Goals' in PSHCE this half term. Our PSHCE work will also make links to British Values and our vision, which is linked to this term's focus of 'Mercy.'

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.

Homework

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

Art/DT

During this half term, our Art and DT lessons will be focused around our Anglo-Saxons history unit. Children will look at a range of Anglo Saxon designs and brochures as inspiration to design and make their own broach. We will also complete a range of Easter and Mother's Day crafts.

Useful websites

French

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primarylanguages/french/>

SPAG

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling_grammar/

Computing

<https://scratch.mit.edu/>

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.