

Literacy

We will begin this term with a narrative unit. The children will create their own character, plot and setting with the outcome of writing their own narrative. We will focus on the following skills:

- Vocabulary
 - Direct Speech and Inverted Commas
 - Using a range of sentence structures
 - Using paragraphs to group related material
- We will then look at Grace Darling, a "real life hero" from our own heritage.
- Recount—a diary entry from the perspective of Grace



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Reading

Within class we have daily guided reading sessions and activities, based around different objectives from the Year 3 Curriculum. This term, our main focus will be inference and comprehension skills. We will focus on inferring characters' feelings and thoughts from their actions, and begin to justify this with evidence.

R.E.

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

Topics this term include:
Energy

Spelling

We will continue covering spelling patterns during our weekly spelling lessons/activities, which will begin on a Monday and end with an assessment lesson on Friday. This term we will cover: the ending ure and ture, suffix ous, the ending sion, words with k sound spelt ch and words with g sound spelt gue and k spelt que.

Science

This term the children will complete a Physics unit on Light. To begin, we will recognise that we need light in order to see things and that darkness is the absence of light. We will then look at how light is reflected from surfaces and recognise that the sun can be dangerous. After that, we will recognise how shadows are formed and find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change.

Numeracy

This term we will revisit multiplication and division, we will focus on developing reliable written methods for 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers and then will progress to the formal written methods of short multiplication and division.

Following on from this, we will look at time, starting with number of seconds in a minute, days in a month, year and leap year. Children will then tell and write the time from an analogue clock, and 12 and 24 hour clocks. We will look at estimating and reading the time with accuracy, record and compare time in terms of seconds, minutes and hours. We will continually use vocabulary associated with time, such as a.m/p.m, morning, afternoon, noon and midnight.

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 (complex, compound and short). 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 geography topic, focusing on map work. We will use a range of maps, atlases and globes to locate countries. Then we will use the eight points of a compass, four and six-figure grid references, symbols and keys to build their knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world.

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 partake in Athletics. We will focus on running styles and starts and circuit training. The children will also continue to have outdoor PE lessons with Phil.

PSHCE

We are covering the topic of 'Good to be Me' 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 'Respect.'

Computing

This half term we will be completing a unit which introduces students to creating games with a programme titled, Kodu. In our lessons, the children will learn how to programme their characters and design their own 3D worlds to make exciting collecting and racing games.

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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 and spellings will be sent home on a Monday. In addition to this, it would be beneficial for your children to practice and learn their times tables, with a particular focus on 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10.

Art/DT

During this half term, our Art and DT lessons will be focused around drawing skills. We will be using our stimulus of Superheroes to create our own comic strips.

Useful websites

Maths

<http://www.mathsisfun.com/numbers/index.html>

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

Reading

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

General

<http://www.funology.com/>

<http://www.learninggamesforkids.com/>

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

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.