

## Literacy

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

We will cover the following:

- Narrative- writing our own superhero stories based on our class story.
- Explanation texts- understanding the features of explanations will help the children design their own superhero costume machine.
- Persuasion- children will explore the features, language and paragraph organisation of persuasive texts.

## Reading

Within class and during our literacy lessons we will be reading 'Traction Man' by Mini Grey and 'Awesome Man' by Michael Chabon. 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:

Energy- Pentecost.



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### Spelling

We will continue covering spelling patterns during our basic skills lessons and handwriting practice. We will begin by studying patterns including: ch-, -ch-, -gue, -que, sc, ei, ey, eigh,

### Science

This term the children will complete a unit of work about light.

- During this topic, children will find out about sources of light, how light travels, what shadows are, how the length and position of a shadow changes throughout the day. We will study opaque, translucent and transparent materials and investigate reflections and discover how we actually see objects.

## Numeracy

We will complete our work about time before progressing to look at measures and will measure, compare, add and subtract: (volume/capacity (l/ml)). We will then look at describing positions and plot points on a coordinate grid. Translate shapes up/down and left/right.

Identify acute and obtuse angles and move on to compare and order angles.

Statistics will be covered by interpreting and presenting discrete data using bar charts. We will solve comparison and difference problems using information presented in bar charts and tables.

## 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.

## Humanities

We will find out why we use maps and how to read maps, as well as having the opportunity to draw their own maps and plan perspectives. This half term provides opportunities for our class to perfect their map reading skills and put them into practise in school and the surrounding local area.

## French

### Unit 4- Les Animaux

Children will study animals this term, they will respond to simple classroom commands; use spoken French to meet and greet others and learn about the weather; begin to recognise, read and pronounce set phrases about animals and pets.



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## **Computing**

We will begin this half term with an introduction to Kodu programming- building a game platform. We will understand how to create landscapes, characters and use our programme skills to make a game based on our superhero topic.

## **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**

During this half term we will finish our Anglo-Saxon village before focusing on comic book art. We will study form and different media to create our own superheroes.

## **Useful websites**

### Map work

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/z9h34wx>

### Light

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/physical\\_processes/light/read/1/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/physical_processes/light/read/1/)

## **P.E.**

This term we will be teaching the skills needed in athletics. Both indoor and outdoor PE lessons will focus on coordination, running techniques and throwing and jumping skills. We will put these skills to good use in our future sporting events.

## **PSHCE**

We are covering the topic of 'Good to be me' The children will talk and write about their opinions, and explain their views on issues that affect themselves and society. We are continuing our work on the Pope's Year of Mercy.

## **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**

An educational visit to the Rising Sun country park will consolidate our map work skills in Humanities this term.