

Literacy

This half term we will be focusing on the Olympics past and present and writing our own non-chronological report about the Olympics.

We will be looking at cultural stories from Brazil and use our literacy skills to create our own.



Numeracy

This half term pupils will be exploring Work in maths which will be themed around Brazil and the Olympics where possible. We will be completing work on measurement and decimals. As well as this we will be consolidating efficient methods for the four operations including mental and written methods of calculation using two step word problems.

Reading

We will be reading 'Running for Gold' by Owen Slot. An inspirational story about dreams coming true. This story links with our current literacy work about the Olympics.

We will also read Brazilian cultural stories to help our understanding of their cultural heritage.

'Olympic Poems' by Brian Moses-funny and inspiring poems about sports events of every kind will be used to create our own poems.

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The Road to Rio

Mr Milner

Science— Sound

Identifying how sounds are made. Recognise that vibrations from sound travel through a medium to the ear. Find patterns between the pitch of a sound to the features of the object that made the sound. Find patterns between the volume of the sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it. Recognise the sounds get fainter the further as the distance from the sound source increases We will be investigating sound using the djembe drums.

Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG) will be taught within literacy lessons and straight after lunch as a quick fire activity. Skills covered will be— Homophones and near homophones. Revision of non negotiable words. Revision of key letter strings taught throughout the year.

R.E.

This half term we will complete our study of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

We will be exploring the importance of the mosque in our multi-faith week and will be completing our final RE topic on the Universal Church- We are God's People using many of the Cafod site resources.

Key Value

Respect

History- History of the Olympics

We will be studying the history of the Olympics beginning with the ancient Greek Olympics. We will be constructing a timeline to place events in order; and will be using this to help understand the changes and impacts the Olympics have had and how these influences have shaped Britain and influenced the wider world.

P.E.

Indoor-Wednesday, Outdoor- Monday
P.E. will be a mixture of athletics and rounders. In athletics, children will be taught skills such as running styles and skills used in long jump. In rounders we will be learning the rules and looking at working strategically as a team. We will be teaching skills in striking and fielding.



Art / DT

We will start off our Olympic unit of work looking at the Brazilian pop artist Romero Britto. We will be looking at colour combinations and the effects these have on artists' work and using mixed media to create and construct Rio carnival masks. We will also be studying a healthy diet and will be creating a health drink for an athlete

COMPUTING

This half term we will be working with databases with an Olympic theme. A unit that explores different ways to collect, interrogate and present data collaboratively using a range of programs.

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Homework

Homework will be sent out on a Thursday-consolidating class work throughout the week, so any problems can be addressed before the weekend and should be returned to school the following Tuesday. The homework will be reading, writing or maths. In most instances, it will be linked to work we have covered in lesson time and will be designed to consolidate or extend learning. Homework this term may also link to our key value. Spellings for the week will also be sent home on a Wednesday for a test in school the following Wednesday. I run a 'homework workshop' on a Friday morning break time to help your child with any potential problems.

French

This half term we shall be completing French unit 4- Les Animaux. This will include learning numbers 31-40, animal names and short conversations both written and orally produced about pets.

Extra Curricular Opportunities

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

PSHCE

Our key value this term will be Respect. This links in many ways to the European elections as well as respecting other nationalities and differences between people. It will also fit in with our work on Islam that will be covered in R.E.

Educational visits and outdoor learning

Where possible and when in fitting with the learning, we will be taking the children to work outdoors. We will be using the nature garden along with Rising Sun Country Park.

Useful websites

<http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/reading-owl/library-page>
www.ictgames.com/literacy.html
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education>
<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/>