

Literacy

This half term the children will be immersed in the fantastic and intriguing mystery text— *The Case of Dr. Watson*. Through reading and discussing the text, as well as developing further writing skills, the children will be writing diary entries and newspaper articles.

In order to improve the quality of our writing we will be working hard to improve our vocabulary, use sophisticated punctuation such as semi colons and direct and indirect speech and improve the structure of our sentences.

Reading

Children will be taught reading within literacy lessons as well as daily focused reading sessions. They will be taught the skills of; comprehension, inference, text structure and organisation, language and themes using a variety of text styles and genres.

R.E.

This half term, pupils in Year 6 will look at the topics of Loving and Baptism & Confirmation. We will investigate the notions of Unconditional love and research and write about the Ordination of a priest. Father John will be helping us with this,



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Science

Our topic how living things are classified into groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including micro-organisms, plants and animals. We will also be planning and conducting experiments as part of our ongoing work.

History / Geography

This half term we will be conducting a study of a UK based area, Whitby. WE will be looking at both the physical and human geography of the area, linking closely to our art work.

Maths

This half term the children will learn about the basic principles behind number and calculation. Year 6 will have a real focus on reasoning and problem solving in maths this half term, learning to communicate, visualise and reason, whilst developing mathematical fluency, Beginning with a focus on place value, we will covering skills such as:-

- Partitioning of numbers
- Ordering numbers
- Comparing numbers
- Roman Numerals
- Rounding numbers
- Multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1,000
- The four principles of calculation
- Mental Arithmetic

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

After an initial assessment to identify the classes strengths and weaknesses in this area we will teach SPAG through literacy and regular basic skills lessons. Year 6 are required to learn a range of grammatical terms for word types, punctuation, clauses, phrases and different sentence structures.

Art / DT

Our Art and DT work will be linked to our Geography work this half term. Based on a UK based study of Whitby, the pupils will be developing their pencil work and sketching skills. They will also have the opportunity to create some beautiful watercolour pieces based on famous landmarks, such as churches and the famous Whitby Abbey.



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P.E.

The children will be learning football and other ball games skills this half term. We will be learning how to control and pass the ball and how to defend and attack. The children will be taught to think about tactics and good sportsmanship.

Extra Curricular Opportunities

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

Homework

Pupils will receive Maths homework on a Monday to be completed every night. On Friday's pupils will receive Literacy homework, normally a piece of writing or a grammar exercise.

PSHCE

New Beginnings
The children will look at -
Belonging
Self awareness
Understanding feelings
Managing feelings
Social Skills
Making choices

Educational visits and outdoor learning

No educational visits this half term.

Useful websites

<http://www.sumdog.com>
<http://www.bitsize.com>

There also some recommended apps for the children, a list of which has been sent home,