

Literacy

This half term we will be covering—

Diary Writing

We will use our class text as inspiration to write a diary entry, covering sessions like complex and compound sentences, writing in a personal tone and including thoughts and feelings.

Newspaper Report

Again using the Batman text, we will produce a newspaper report. We will consider journalistic features such as direct and indirect speech, formal language and some witty pun headlines.

Reading

This half term we will be reading — **Murder at Wayne Manor**. In addition to this class text, Year 5/6 will take part in guided and 1:1 reading sessions to improve reading skills.

R.E.

Using the come and see RE scheme topics of *Ourselves / Loving* we will gain a deeper understanding of who we are by looking at talents & qualities.

We also look at the topic of life choices and vocation/commitments.



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Spelling

All spelling work in Year 6 is linked to National Curriculum. It is taught during basic skills sessions run three times a week. This half term, we will be revising a variety of word endings, homophones and words with silent letters. Year 5 will also benefit from these spelling lessons but will also receive spellings at home for a weekly test.

Science

In our Science lessons we will look at living things and their habitats. We will look at how Aristotle first classified living things as well as more modern techniques and then attempt to do so ourselves.

Maths

Through a range of different problem solving and reasoning activities we will cover all aspects of numeracy this year. Beginning with a focus on place value, we will cover skills such as:-

Partitioning of numbers

Ordering numbers

Comparing numbers

Roman Numerals

Rounding numbers

Multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1,000

Grammar and Punctuation

Through a weekly grammar and punctuation lesson with Mrs O'Brien, Year 5/6 will begin the year by identifying and using adjectives, nouns, verbs and adverbs.

Geography

Mrs Gibbins will teach Geography this half term. As part of a Local UK study she will teach the class all about Whitby. Allowing them to learn the physical geography of the town as well as talking about the rich history of Whitby too.

Art / DT

Year 5/6 will take part in Art & DT lessons taught by Mrs Gibbins this half term. The lessons will be linked to the geographical study of Whitby. Activities will include, pencil work, sketching and watercolour painting.



Computing

In our computing lessons we will be studying the topic, Inside the Internet. In these lessons we will gain a deeper awareness as to what the internet actually is and how it works. The topic will be full with technical vocabulary and detailed descriptions! Tricky but exciting.

P.E.

In our PE lessons we will be playing some team sports such as Tag Rugby. Phil, our sports coach, will be playing all sorts of sports and games in our Friday session.

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Extra Curricular Opportunities

St. Bernadette's RC Primary School often has a range of extra curricular opportunities on offer. Look out for club letters on Parent Mail and keep an eye on the website.

Homework

Year 5—Homework will be a combination of literacy and numeracy. Given every Thursday to be completed by the following Monday.

Year 6— Homework will be more regular, often given on Mondays to be completed throughout the week.

SEAL

Appropriately, our first SEAL topic in Year 5/6 is New Beginnings. We will start by talking about our thoughts and feelings before a new beginning.

Educational visits & Outdoor Learning

There are no educational visits planned this half term.

Useful websites

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