

Literacy

This half term the children will be using empathy and compassion in studying poems, photographs and videos to develop an appreciation for the significance of Remembrance. The children will be writing poetry based on the Christmas Truce of 1914.

Following this, the class will be exploring the fascinating work of Chris Tarn and Chris Van Allsberg. Through group planning and discussion, these imaginative, thought provoking images will form the basis of our narrative writing as well as embedding inference and deduction.

The children will learn how to further develop their writing skills through the five senses. The key skills we will be covering to transform the children's writing will be:-

Similes and Metaphors

Organisation of information using paragraphs

Descriptive language techniques such as adjectives, ad-

R.E.

Our topic leading up to Advent is Belonging. The children will be identifying qualities of true friendship such as loyalty and fidelity.

We will know and understand how to show care and commitment. Pupils will know and understand the call to life and love within the community: marriage.



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Reading

The children will be taught reading within basic skills lessons as well as daily focussed 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.

The children are encouraged to contin-

Maths

This half term the children will be learning written multiplication and division methods and the way in which these can be applied outside the classroom. Where possible our lessons will be linked to our topic as well as Christmas towards December time.

Children will be focussing on different vocabulary linked to multiplication and division through speaking and listening opportunities, and also word problem calculation.

We will also be comparing and classifying a number of 3-D geometric shapes.

The children will also be covering addition and sub-

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

After initial assessment to identify the children's strengths and weaknesses in this area we will be following the Year 5 curriculum objectives in this after with daily interactive fast paced basic skills activities. Spelling has been identified as a particular weak-

History/ Geography

This half term we will be looking at NE England & Newcastle with a geography focus in mind. We will be looking at historical landmarks; places of interest and coastal areas. The children will be drawing graphs to

Art / DT

Whilst a handful of the children's homework tasks will have a Design Technology focus, the children will be looking at Remembrance Day art with textiles. We will be looking at adding depth to our designs by layering with different mediums.

Following this the children will be looking at black and white images and experimenting with art pencils with a variety of different hardness in order to improve our sketching techniques. We will be looking at images of different focal points in and around Newcastle.

Throughout the year the children will be building a sketchbook of jottings and experimenting with dif-



Useful websites

<http://www.maths-games.org/>

<http://www.mathematicshed.com/miscellaneous.html>

Computing

We will be looking at Image Editing this half term to tie in with our literacy (writing a narrative based on a picture) as well as our topic work. As part of our ongoing **Science** topic we will be conducting experienc-

Educational visits and

outdoor learning

Children will have the opportunity to recreate the images we are looking at as part of our literacy focus.

This will enable the children to develop a deeper understanding of context.

We are also hoping to arrange a visit to Victoria Tunnel - a tunnel built underneath the city of Newcastle, originally as a

Homework

Homework will usually be handed out on Fridays. Usually there will be a set amount so that children are able to do something each night. Reading, writing, school literature, or maths homework will always be linked to work we have covered in lesson time and will be designed to consolidate or extend learning. I will be available at lunch times and after school in the class room if

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Extra Curricular

Opportunities

There are a variety of extra curricular activities for children at St Bernadettes. Please click here to see an

PSHCE

Relationships

The children will look at -
How they could change an unfair situation

Feeling pleased for others' achievements

Telling the truth, say sorry or make amends

Helping others who feel sad and lonely

A thorough understanding of compassion

P.E.

Pupils will be taking part in a number of different activities during PE.

These will allow pupils to build on their teamwork and physical fitness by trying different sports such as dodgeball and obstacle courses, supporting one another.