

## 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. Pupils will be writing their own poems about poppies and letters from the trenches.

Following this, the class will be using the picture book 'The Arrival' by fantastic illustrator and author, Shaun Tan. This book will be the basis of much of our writing, including writing our own narrative and creating a balanced discussion text. These 2 very different genres will allow us to look at and compare different writing styles.

Pupils will be writing their own story to interpret the detailed images in Tan's book, concentrating on maintaining a stance and opinion whilst ensuring a clear and concise structure. Furthermore, we will be considering the book in relation to the current refugee crisis and proposing and discussing balanced arguments for and against.

## R.E.

Our topic leading up to Advent is Commitment. The children will be studying the calling some individuals feel when drawn to a particular vocation. We will examine this further as we study the ordination of a priest and the commitment with involves.

WE will then be looking at the significant events such as the annunciation as we approach the Christmas period.



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## Reading

The children will be taught reading through literacy lessons and 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.

## Maths

Following a half term focusing largely on calculation, we will be looking to embed this acquired knowledge over the next few weeks by applying it to fractions, decimals and percentages problems. We will be investigating concepts such as equivalence, simplifying and adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions.

In the run up the Christmas we will also be studying some geometry, investigating and solving problems involving shape. This will include looking at new elements to the year 6 curriculum such as circumference, radius and diameter of circles and the volume of 3D shapes.

As always, please encourage you child to learn their

## Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

Through literacy, basic skills and stand alone grammar lessons, year 6 will be considering a number of new technical erms when it comes to grammar. We will also be working on our spelling, including common spelling patters likely to appear in their SATs.

## History/ Geography

This half term, pupils in year 6 will be completing a study of the Shang Dynasty. They will be making and writing of clay 'bones' and looking at the significant differences in culture of this period in history.

## Art / DT

Initially, the pupils in year 6 will be looking at Remembrance Day art with textiles and creating clay poppies to tie in with our literacy work.

Following this, the children will be creating a range of works of art based on our history topic of the Shang Dynasty. Pupils will be using a range of mediums to experiment with Chinese writing and pictures. This will include making their own clay bones and etching Chinese writing into them, as was done during the Shang Dynasty.



## Useful websites

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

KS2 BBC Bitesize

## Computing

Our computing topic this half term is Digital Imagery. We will be selecting, using and combining a variety of software on a range of digital devices to design and create a range of programs, systems and content that accomplish given goals, including collecting, analysing, and evaluating data.

## Educational visits and

## outdoor learning

We are currently in the process of arranging a visit to the Immigration display at the Discovery Museum as well as inviting members of the charity 'Walking with' to speak to the children about refugees in line with our Literacy topic.

## Homework

Pupils will continue to receive a piece of numeracy homework Monday—Thursday and a piece of extended literacy work for the weekend, due Monday morning. I will be available at break times and lunchtimes for any additional support pupils may need.

## PSHCE

Relationships

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

Feeling pleased for others' achievements

Telling the truth, saying sorry or making 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.

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## Extra Curricular

## Opportunities

There are a variety of extra-curricular activities for children at St Bernadettes. Please visit the website to see a list.