

Literacy

This half term the children will be looking at the courageous actions of characters in *The Snow Queen* story, through the dated language in fairy tales and film. The children will be writing instruction pieces based on the magical encounters as well as embedding inference and deduction.

Following this, the class will be exploring the natural world with a focus on Scandinavia and Lapland. Through group planning, research will form the basis of our explanation writing.

The key skills we will be covering to transform the children's writing will be:-

Similes and Metaphors

Structure and Organisation of information using paragraphs, headings, sub-headings and bullet points

Use of present tense and plurals

R.E.

Our topic this half term will be *Community in the Local Church*. The children will be looking the experience of community being an essential and enjoyable part of life.

We will know and understand the importance of unity and charity. Pupils will know and understand the mission of inspirational leaders, how the dioceses continue the work and mission of Jesus including ecumenism.

Pupils will acquire the skills of assimilation, celebration and application of the above.



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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 continue this at home, looking at a wide range of different genres.

Maths

This half term the children will be learning convert between units of length and weight; this is an extension of our multiplication and division topic.

We will be revisiting percentage and fractions of quantity. We will also be looking at how to order and compare fractions; recognise equivalent fractions and the way in which these can be applied outside the classroom.

We will learning how to add, subtract and multiply fractions. Where possible our lessons will be linked to our topic.

Children will be focussing on different vocabulary

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 Scandinavia with a geography focus in mind. We will be looking at historical landmarks; places of interest and coastal areas. The children will also be drawing graphs to look at trends in data and climate change.

Art / DT

Whilst a handful of the children's homework tasks will have a Design Technology focus, the children will be looking at chalk drawing and blending to create the winter scenes depicted in our literacy text.

Following this the children will be looking at the famous Norwegian artist, Edvard Munch, whose use of pastels and paints heavily influenced German Expressionism in the 19th Century.

Throughout the year the children will be building a sketchbook of jottings and experimenting with different mediums as well as learning to analyse and evaluate their successes, strengths and weaknesses.



Useful websites

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

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

Computing

We will be looking at improving our knowledge of basic Microsoft Office skills using this to look at graphs and data comparisons as part of our Scandinavian geography focus. As part of our ongoing **Science** topic we will be conducting experiments with forces and their impact, which the children will record and assess.

PSHCE

Going for Goals

The children will look at -
Knowing the skills and attributes of an effective learner

Trying to develop these skills

Recognise and celebrate our own achievements

Having courage to express their own opinion

The courage of others

P.E.

The children will be taking part in a whole school Volleyball focus this half term in indoor P.E. Whilst outdoor with Phil children will be working on improving their ball skills. Can I take this opportunity to remind you that the children take part in P.E. despite weather conditions and that kits should be appropriate..

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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 up to date list of what is currently being offered.

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 consolidate our whole phase learning of a Winter Wonderland.

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 classroom if the children require any additional help.