

Literacy

Year 5

This half term the children will be using Harry Potter as the stimulus for our magic topic. The children working towards a narrative text with a clear focus on direct speech. Following this, the class will be revisiting features of a newspaper article. Through group planning, shared reading and discussion, the Harry Potter plot, film and resources will form the basis of our narrative writing as well as embedding inference and deduction. We will learn how to further develop their writing skills through the five senses.

Year 6

Literacy this half term will have a real grammar focus. Through writing character descriptions, transcripts for movie trailers, and non fiction pieces, we will consider many grammatical aspects of writing.

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

Literacy lessons over the half term will have a real focus on grammar, punctuation and spelling. Both in literacy lessons and separate grammar sessions we will consider a wide range of grammatical features—including antonyms, synonyms, contractions, clauses etc.



Year 5/6—Mr Keys Summer Term—1st Half

R.E.

Our RE topics this half term are—
Serving (where we will look at Pentecost; the celebration of the Spirit's transforming power) and
Healing (looking at reconciliation).

Science

Our topic for the half term is
Properties and changes in materials.
We will classify and group materials, and consider and test their differences through experiments!

Maths

Year 5

This half term the children will be learning imperial and metric measurements and how to convert between them., and the way in which these can be applied outside the classroom. Where possible our lessons will be linked to our topic. Children will be focussing on different vocabulary linked to measure through speaking and listening opportunities, and also word problem calculation. We will also be comparing and classifying a number of 2-D geometric shapes with a particular focus on the angles within the Shape.

Year 6

In our maths lessons this half term we will revisit many of the areas already covered in this academic year. A real focus will be placed on arithmetic skills as well as fractions, problem solving, geometry and ratio.

Reading

Reading will again be taught both in Literacy lessons and in dedicated reading time with a real focus on inference.

Geography

Geography will see us study North America this half term. We will consider the continent's climate and features and compare it to our local and Scandinavian studies!

Art / DT

With the previous half term being very short, this half term will see us continue our artwork based on the book 'Where my wellies take me'. Hopefully you have seen some of the great work we have started already on SeeSaw.

This half term we will continue to look at a range of materials to help us achieve great effects in our work.



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Extra Curricular Opportunities

The many clubs St. Bernadette's has to offer will continue—look out for further information about this. UFA will also continue in the SATs run up.

Educational visits & Outdoor Learning

Year 5 will have a visit to Alnwick Castle and Year 6 will have many extra visit opportunities during fun week after SATs.

Computing

Our computing theme for the half term is **Manipulating Sound**. During our sessions we will consider differences between digital and analogue sound, we will explore how we can use and change sounds. As the topic reaches the end, we will use the school radio station equipment to look at how radio shows are produced—hopefully you will hear some clips from our attempts on SeeSaw!

Homework

Year 6 will continue with UFA homework. Miss Bellwood will set Year 5 homework.

Useful websites

<http://www.sumdog.com>

<http://www.bitesize.com>

Y6: My Maths

SEESAW—ask Mr Keys for details if needed

PHSCE

In line with our next Gospel Value of 'Respect', our PHSCE topic will be 'Getting on and falling out'. We will be looking at mutual respect within friendships.

P.E.

In PE this half term Year 5/6 will follow up on our Science topic of last term—which had a focus of 'being healthy'. We will look at various team games and consider ball control and accuracy as well as improving our fitness!