

Literacy

This half term the children will be using Harry Potter as the stimulus for our magic topic. The children will initially be working towards a narrative text with a clear focus on direct speech.

Following this, the class will be revisiting features of a newspaper article with a further focus on direct speech and reported speech. 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. The children will learn how to further develop their writing skills through the five senses. Key skills will include:

Similes and Metaphors, organisation of information using paragraphs, descriptive language techniques such as adjectives, adverbs and powerful verbs, and the use of present tense and plurals

R.E.

Our topic this term is Transformation. The children will be learning that the new life of the Easter message is spread through the Holy Spirit.

We will know and understand how to show transform energy Pupils will know and understand Pentecost, the celebration of the spirits transforming power.



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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.

Maths

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 as well as the Mayan civilisation.

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.

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.

History/ Geography

This half term we will be looking at North America and the various weathers the continent endures with a geography focus in mind. We will look at what causes tornadoes, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. The children will be drawing graphs to look at trends in data.

Art / DT

Whilst a handful of the children's homework tasks will have a Design Technology focus, the children will be looking at Mayan art with textiles. We will be looking at adding depth to our designs by layering with different mediums. Following this the children will be developing 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 coats of arms and Hogwarts crests.

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 and Apps

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

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

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

Computing

We will be trying to create an Arcade game from the past, such as Pacman, using Scratch programming through designing and computer programming.

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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

Educational visits and outdoor learning

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

We are also planning a visit up to Alnwick castle and gardens to partake in some Harry Potter themed workshops to help embed our literacy focus text.

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.

PSHCE

In line with our next Gospel Value of 'Respect', our PSHCE topic will be 'Getting on and falling out'.

We will be looking at mutual respects within friendships and why it is important to consider the concept of forgiveness and respect during arguments and reconciliations with others.

P.E.

This term the children will be continuing on with ball skills with Phil on Friday afternoons.

On Thursdays however we will be looking at Athletics and improving fitness and skill. A reminder that all children must have their indoor and outdoor kits in school.