

Literacy

This half term our work will be based around the theme of family. A link will also be made to our History topic and we will be using Ian Wallace's *Boy of the Deeps* as a stimulus for our writing. We will cover:

- Character and setting descriptions— discover how writers show, not tell, the reader about a character.
- Diary entries— from the perspective of one of the main characters.

The main skills will be: to plan writing, use conjunctions to express time and cause, to improve vocabulary and to use paragraphs.



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Family

Spelling

We will begin by revisiting statutory words from Key Stage One, such as days of the week and months of the year. We will then move on to statutory words for Year 3 before focusing on suffix spelling patterns. We will then cover the /i/ sounds spelt y, elsewhere than at the end of words.

Science

This term our topic is Rocks. Children will compare and group together different kinds of rocks based on their appearance and simple physical properties. They will describe, in simple terms, how fossils are formed. Finally, children will recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.

Numeracy

Throughout our daily maths lessons we will recap the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables and will begin to learn the 4 and 8. This will be a continual focus throughout the year. We will start this term by visiting number and place value. We will be looking at reading and writing numbers up to 1000, the place value of 3 digit numbers, finding 10 more/less of any given number. Children will then look at addition and subtraction, with a focus on developing mental strategies for adding and subtracting. After this, we will look at 2D shapes and their properties.

Grammar and Punctuation

Spelling, grammar and punctuation (SPAG) will be covered in our basic skills lessons. We will begin by recapping demarcating sentences correctly using capital letters and punctuation. We will then look at word families before moving onto word classes and their functions in sentences.

History / Geography

Geography and history will be covered on a rotational basis. This half term will be history, focusing on mining and the local area. Children will show knowledge and understanding by describing features of past societies and describe how the events of the past affect life today.

Reading

Within class we have daily guided reading sessions and activities, based around different objectives from the Year 3 Curriculum. This term, our main focus will be upon word and comprehension skills. Children will be encouraged to use a range of strategies to understand new words and will discuss a wide range of high quality texts, taking turns and listening to what others say.

R.E.

As a Catholic school we follow the diocesan scheme of work, 'Come and See'.
Topics this term include:
Homes and Judaism.

French

Unit 1—Je parle français

During this unit, children will understand and respond to simple classroom commands; use spoken French to meet and greet others; begin to recognise, read and pronounce combinations of letters, words and set phrases and will understand and use numbers 0 to 12.



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Computing

We will begin this half term with a unit titled 'Real Life Algorithms'. Children will use logical reasoning to understand how algorithms in the real world work. They will create flow diagrams that illustrate the algorithms for these systems, convert this into code. Therefore, children will be designing, creating and debugging a range of software and programmes. After that, we will consider the algorithms for completing everyday tasks.

Art/DT

During this half term, we will be looking at pointillism in art. This is therefore a focus on painting skills. Children will mix colours and know which primary colours make secondary colours. They will begin to use more specific colour language, mixing and using tints and shades.

Extra Curricular Opportunities

There are a variety of extra curricular activities for children at St Bernadette's. Please check our website to see an up to date list of what is currently being offered.

Useful websites

Maths activities (including times tables)

www.topmarks.co.uk

Rocks & Soils

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/materials/rocks_soils/read/1/

SPAG

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>

Reading/Phonics

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

P.E.

In outdoor PE, children will play competitive games (football) and apply the basic principles of attacking and defending. During indoor PE, children will develop flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance through Cheerleading. They will perform using a range of movement patterns.

PSHCE

We are covering the topic of 'New Beginnings' in PSHCE this half term. Our PSCHCE work will also be linked to our Family topic and work will often be completed in our class floor book.

Homework

1 piece of Maths/English homework will be sent home on a Thursday to be returned the following Tuesday. In addition to this, it would be beneficial for your children to practice and learn their times tables, with a particular focus on 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10.

Educational Visits and Outdoor Learning

Educational visits are yet to be confirmed. Information will be passed on to parents/carers when all lower key stage two trips are organised.