

Literacy

This half term we will be using the theme of Family to focus upon the children's literacy skills including:

- descriptive writing (word classes and writing from perspectives)
- explanation texts

We will be focusing on:

- descriptive language
- use of punctuation
- paragraphing and sentence structure
- spelling, grammar and punctuation (SPAG)
- handwriting and presentation skills



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Reading

This half term we will be reading *Boy of the Deeps* by Ian Wallace. Other literature linking to our local history topic of coal-mining and our Family theme will be made available to children.

Spelling

Spelling work will be completed throughout the year covering key spelling rules and patterns for our year group.

Science

This half term we will be studying Rocks and Soils. They will:

- Identify the different types of rock
- Handle and examine rocks to identify their properties, with support
- Learn the four different types of matter that soil is composed of
- Make observations
- Take part and contribute to an oral presentation of their observations.

R.E.

This half term is the Domestic Church where we will be looking at and understanding God's vision for every family. Alongside this we will be exploring the family of God in scripture. Following on from this topic we shall be exploring the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.

Numeracy

This half term pupils will be focusing on:

- Counting in multiples of 6,7, 9, 25 and 1000.
- Find 1000 more or less than a given number.
- Rounding any number to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000.
- Order and compare numbers beyond 1000.
- Recognise the place value of each digit in a four-digit
- Add and subtracting numbers up to 4 digits using formal written methods.
- Multiply 2 and 3 digit numbers by 1 digit.

Grammar and Punctuation

For further information on the Grammar and Punctuation which will be completed in this year group, please visit - https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/335190/English_Appendix_2_-_Vocabulary_grammar_and_punctuation.pdf

Humanities

This term we will be looking at local history, focussing upon the Rising Sun Country Park (past and present), within our local area. We will be considering the effects of change and the consequences of these upon the local families and community.

P.E.

Indoor-Friday Outdoor- Monday
The children will continue to develop skilful attacking, defending and team play through Basketball with our sports coach Phil. In a range of games, children think about how to use skills, strategies and tactics to outwit the opposition as well as ball skills. Children will be learning balancing skills and how to link their movements through Cheerleading.

FRENCH

This half term we shall be focussing on 'Mon Anniversaire' topic. We will learn how to ask when someone's birthday is, say when our own is and select key words and phrases from a story. We will also learn French numbers from 42-60 and understand the time on the hour..

PSHCE

This half term we shall focus on the "New Beginnings" unit of the SEAL programme. In this area of SEAL, children will be encouraged to take new roles in groups, they will be taught to appreciate the thoughts and feelings of others, recognise themselves and others as being special, recognise the need for rules and that different rules apply in different contexts, understand their rights and responsibilities, recognise and manage their feelings in new situations and recognise themselves as being part of a community and family.



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Extra Curricular Opportunities

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

Educational visits and outdoor learning

This year we have some really exciting visits in Year 4 which link directly with the work covered in various areas of the curriculum. We have already visited Cullercoats Beach and are planning a trip to Woodhorn Colliery in the near future. Dates to be confirmed.

COMPUTING

This half term children will relate the concept of algorithms back to everyday real-life activities. They will create real life algorithms and consider how they may be improved upon.

Art / DT

Within art we will be looking at the artist George Seurat using the technique of Pointillism. We will incorporate this with our work using pictures from the author and illustrator Ian Wallace. Within DT we will be making a miner's 'piece' (food to be eaten down the mine!)

Homework

Homework (Literacy, Numeracy or reading tasks) will be sent out on a Wednesday-consolidating class work throughout the week. If there are any issues, there is time to see me before the weekend. All homework should be completed by Tuesday and brought into school. Please ensure that your child's reading is recorded in their reading record books and signed by you. We check this every Monday and Thursday. Spelling homework is set once a week on a Friday.

Useful websites

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/listenandwrite/home.htm> - listen to and write poetry
http://interactives.mped.org/view_interactive.aspx?id=110&title - write and publish a newspaper, flyer, brochure or booklet.
http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/9_10/changing_state.shtml linked to our topics.