

## Literacy

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

- Narrative writing
- Poetry

We will be focusing on:

- components of a narrative
- Character and setting
- Different genres of poetry
- 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 **'Whales' Song** by Dyan Sheldon and **'The Jar of Happiness'** by Alisa Burrows focussing on our school theme of Joy. Other literature linking to Joy will be made available to the 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 Animals including Humans. They will:

- Discuss nutrition and the components of a healthy diet. This will include recognising the different kinds of food groups and that animals cannot make their own food.
- Identify and label the different kinds of teeth and their different functions.
- Identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons for support, protection and movement.
- Make observations
- Take part and contribute to an oral presentation of their observations.

## Religious Education

This half term we will be continuing to look at the Sacrament of Reconciliation, exploring contrition, conscience, Penitential rites and Absolution. We will spend some time looking at Judaism before beginning our Advent topic in the run up to Christmas.

## Numeracy

We will begin the term looking at adding and subtracting numbers up to 4 digits using formal written methods and reasoning skills.

Following on from this we will study multiplication and division, children will write and calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division using the multiplication tables that they know (2,3, 4, 5,6,7 8,9,10 and 11) and use their reasoning and inverse operation skills.

We will then look at measures and will measure, compare, add and subtract: lengths (m/cm/mm); mass (kg/g); volume/capacity (l/ml)

We will end the term looking at 2D shapes and their with a cross curricular link to DT and nets of 3D shapes.

## Grammar and Punctuation

Spelling, grammar and punctuation will be covered during our weekly basic skills lessons, linked to our literacy work/topic. We will begin by looking at clauses and different sentence structures (complex, compound and short) and will begin to look at subordinate clauses.

## Humanities

This term we will be looking at European geography. We will be choosing a specific country in Europe to focus upon and perform a case study identifying the various physical, human and cultural geography there. We hope to have a European day to experience some European culture for ourselves.

## P.E.

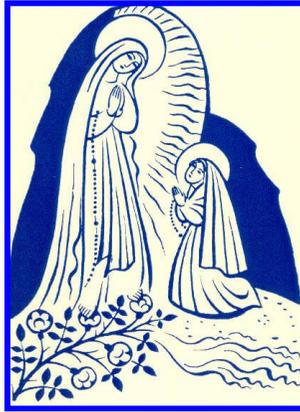
Indoor-Monday, outdoor- Tuesday  
The children will develop skilful attacking, defending and team play through Tag Rugby. In a variety of games, children will use these skills, strategies and tactics to outwit the opposition. Children will continue to learn balancing skills and how to link their movements through Cheerleading. They will perform a set routine to music including a stunt involving teamwork.

## FRENCH

Children will continue 'Ma Famille' unit this term. They will understand and respond to simple classroom commands; use spoken French to meet and greet others and learn colours; begin to recognise, read and pronounce set phrases about family members and will understand and use numbers 0 to 30.

## PSHCE

This half term we shall focus on the "Getting on and falling out" 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 and learn to be a really good friend. They will also be encouraged to respect other people and their property.  
We will link this together with our Gospel value: Joy and focus on giving and bringing joy to others.



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## Extra Curricular Opportunities

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

## Educational visits and outdoor learning

We will continue to use the outdoors as much as possible within our learning. In the near future, children will take a nature walk in our wildlife garden to focus their senses to help them describe settings in more detail within our narrative writing. Before the end of term we hope to visit a retirement home with our crafts we have made in school- spreading joy to others.

## COMPUTING

This half term children will be using Sketchup to create some 3D digital models of European buildings to link to our Geography topic. Cross curricular links will be made to our shape work in numeracy.

## Art / DT

Within art we will be making a present box as a gift for the elderly. We will decorate the boxes with some art work, paying homage to an artist that is from our chosen country of study. We will be looking to fill these boxes with Christmas gifts that we can deliver to the elderly, spreading Joy and providing a lovely memory.

## Homework

Homework (Literacy, Numeracy or reading tasks) will be sent out on a Thursday- 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. Reading books will be sent out on a Monday and should be returned the following Monday. Please ensure that your child's reading is recorded in their reading record books and signed by you. Spelling and times table homework is set once a week for a test the following Monday for times tables and Friday for spellings.

## Useful websites

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/listenandwrite/home.htm> - listen to and write poetry  
[http://interactives.mped.org/view\\_interactive.aspx?](http://interactives.mped.org/view_interactive.aspx?)  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/> linked to our topics.