

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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Joy

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 group and that humans 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.

Numeracy

This half term pupils will be focusing on:

- Counting in multiples of 6,7, 9, 25 and 1000.
- Add and subtracting numbers up to 4 digits using formal written methods.
- multiply two-digit and three-digit numbers by a one-digit number using formal written layout
- Measuring, comparing, adding/subtracting lengths, mass and volume.
- Tell and write the time from an analogue clock
- Recognise, name and describe 2-D shapes
- Draw 2D shapes accurately.

Reading

This half term we will be reading *The Nightmare Before Christmas*. Focussing on our school theme of Joy. Other literature linking to Joy will be made available to the children.

R.E.

This half term we will be continuing to look at the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will spend some time looking at Judaism before beginning our Advent topic in the run up to Christmas.

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 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 ourselves.

P.E.

Indoor-Friday Outdoor- Monday
The children will continue to develop skillful attacking, defending and team play through various team games, including football, 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 continue to learn 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 "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 encouraged to talk and write about their opinions, explain their views and how they can effect themselves and society. They will learn about facing new challenges, asking for help and making responsible choices. We will also research, discuss and debate some topical issues, problems and events. Through looking at resolving differences in alternative ways children will be able to consider other's feelings and consider their point of view.



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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

We are hoping to use our DT projects to visit those in need to spread Joy around the festive period.

COMPUTING

This half term children will be using Sketchup to create some computerised models of European buildings to link to our Geography topic.

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 Thursday with the homework and should be returned on the Tuesday also. Please ensure that your child's reading is recorded in their reading record books and signed by you. We check this every Tuesday. Spelling and times table homework is set once a week on a Friday for a test the following 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.