

Literacy

This half term our work will be based around the theme of Joy. We will be using Augustus and his Smile by Catherine Rayner as a stimulus for our writing.

We will cover the following:

- Narrative—children will create their own plot, character and setting for their narrative with a happy ending. We will look at using a range of sentence structures for effect and paragraphing. We will use Talk For Writing to help children orally compose and rehearse sentences.
- Poetry— children will look at a range of poetry and discuss the conventions of these genres of poetry. We will be focusing on vocabulary and poetic devices (such as repetition, rhyme etc).



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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 continue to 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.

This half term we will be continuing with Belonging. Children will learn about the meaning of the commitment and promises made at Baptism. They will retell the story of the Baptism of Jesus, describe the signs, symbols and actions of Baptism and begin to describe reasons for these actions/symbols We will spend some time looking at Judaism before beginning our Advent topic in the run up to Christmas.

Spelling

The teaching of the weekly spelling patterns/focus will be covered in our Basic Skills lessons. The set spellings will also be sent home on a Thursday to be tested the following Friday. We will begin by adding suffixes to some of the statutory words for Year 3.

Science

This half term we will be studying Animals including Humans. Children 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. We will then identify and label the different kinds of teeth and their different functions. Following this, we will identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons for support, protection and movement.

Numeracy

We will begin this term with a focus on developing mental strategies for subtracting. We will then move on to learning formal written methods of subtraction (with and without carrying/borrowing) before developing problem solving and reasoning skills based around subtraction. After this, we will look at 2D shapes and their properties. After that, will will make 3-D shapes using modelling materials; and children will recognise 3-D shapes in different orientations and describe them. As last term, we will continually learn and practice the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times table and times table tests will sometimes be set (notice will be given).

Grammar and Punctuation

Spelling, grammar and punctuation (SPAG) will be covered in our basic skills lessons. We will begin by recapping word families before moving onto forming **nouns** using a range of **prefixes**, such as super-, anti-, and auto-. During Basic Skills and Spelling lessons children will begin to learn the skill of using a Dictionary and Thesaurus.

History / Geography

This half term the children will be completing a European study in our Geography lessons. To begin we will study the world map, focusing on continents and capital cities. We will be looking at Europe and focusing on the country of Spain. The children will learn about the various physical, human and cultural geography there. We hope to have a European day to experience some European culture ourselves.

French

Unit 1—Je parle français

This term the children will continue with this unit. We will continue to 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 entitled '3D Design—Digital Modelling'. This is a cross-curricular unit linked to both our Geography topic and maths shape work. It introduces the children to 3D modelling and design, looking at both architectural design of building and sculpture of models. Children will learn the basics of the programme Sketchup and will then put their design skills to the test with a number of projects.

Art/DT

Our DT & Art this half term will be linked to our value of Joy and also 3D shape work as we will be making a present box as a gift for the elderly. We will look at a range of nets before we design, create and construct our own Christmas box. We will be looking to fill these boxes with Christmas gifts that we can deliver to the elderly, spreading joy and kindness.

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

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

P.E.

Year 3 will continue last term's objective through the this term. 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 'Getting on and Falling Out' in PSHCE this half term. We are learning to- work together in a group, be a good friend, respect others and their property and give and bring joy to others.

Homework

1 piece of maths or 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.

Useful websites

Maths time table apps :
Squeebles, Percy Parker
Computing:
www.sketchup.com
Science:
<http://www.nhs.uk/Change4Life/Pages/change-for-life.aspx>