

Literacy

This half term we will be using the Gospel Value of Service to focus upon the children's literacy skills including:

- biographies
- information texts
- non-chronological reports

We will be focusing on:

- connectives
- sentence structure and paragraphs
- spelling, grammar and punctuation (SPAG)
- handwriting and presentation skills



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Reading

This half term we will be reading various non-fiction texts including biographies linked to our science topic, non-chronological reports and information texts. Other literature linked to our Science topic and Gospel Value of Service will be made available also.

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 3/4.

Science

This half term we will be broadening their scientific view of the world around them through the study of scientists and inventors. Children will:

- Use simple keys to organise work.
- Recognise that science exists in the world around us.
- Identify the impact that science and inventions have had on the wider community.

R.E.

This half term we will begin our Journeys topic, which explores the Christian family's journey with Jesus through the church's year. Children will retell some of the stories of the Mysteries of the Rosary or the special feasts of the year. They will use religious words and phrases to describe the liturgical year and how it is composed of seasons and feasts days. Finally, children will understand how prayer leads to good actions.

Numeracy

This half term pupils will be focusing on:

- Compare and classify geometric shapes, including quadrilaterals and triangles, based on their properties and sizes.
- Measure and calculate the perimeter of a rectilinear figure (including squares) in centimetres and metres.
- Find the area of rectilinear shapes by counting squares.
- Identify acute and obtuse angles and compare and order angles by size.
- Complete a simple symmetric figure with respect to a specific line of symmetry.
- Describe positions on a 2D grid as coordinates in the first quadrant
- Describe movements between positions as a translation of a given unit (Left/Right, Up/Down)
- Plot specified point and draw side to complete a given polygon.

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 'Stone Age to Iron Age' unit will cover how the Stone Age to Bronze Age period impacted on life in Britain. We will learn about how early man survived in a harsh environment, why Skara Brae was important for understanding life in the Stone Age, how copper mining was crucial to the Bronze Age and why Stonehenge was built.

P.E.

Indoor-Monday Outdoor- Tuesday
The children will continue to develop skilful attacking, defending and team play through Hockey. We will think about how to use skills, strategies and tactics learned in order to outwit the opposition. Children will be learning the basic principals of badminton and take part in games, consolidating their new skills.



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FRENCH

Unit 3—Ma Famille

This half term the children will finish Unit 3. We will begin by re-capping numbers 0-30. We will also learn French colours and develop our understanding of the months of the year in French.

PSHCE

This half term we shall focus on the "Going for Goals" unit of the SEAL programme. In this area of SEAL, we will focus on the key aspect of motivation and self awareness. Children will discuss and evaluate their abilities, qualities and strengths and learn to recognise these as gifts to be valued. This topic provides the children with a chance to reflect on themselves as individuals, their strengths as learners and how they learn most effectively. Children will have the opportunity to set themselves a goal and identify what steps they need to take in order to achieve this.

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

Lower Key Stage 2 will be receiving a visit from someone who has a job that serves the community. This will provide an opportunity to ask questions about what their job involves and how this impacts the wider community. We will also be discussing the ways in which we can serve the community, this may involve some time outside of school but this will be confirmed.

COMPUTING

This half term children will use the Scratch programme. This unit combines programming with animation. Children will use Scratch's programming language to write algorithms that control the actions and movements of their Sprites.

Art / DT

This term our Art lessons will be linked to our History topic. We will be learning about the work and service of art forms through historical interpretation. Each week, we will link our Art lessons to our history focus. We will use a range of mediums including; charcoal, pastels, powder paint and clay.

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

time table apps :
Squeebles, Percy Parker
English:
http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling_grammar/
History:
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/z82hsbk>
Science:
<http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/sciencefacts/scientists.html>