

## Literacy

This half term our work will be linked to our Greek topic as we will use Mythical creatures as a stimulus. This term we will focus on using Talk For Writing techniques in our writing.

- Instructions: We will focus on organisational devices, use of commas in lists, imperatives, time conjunctions.
- Explanation: We will focus on organisation and paragraphing, formal language, causal connectives and present tense.
- Poetry: We will focus on use of language to capture the readers interest and poetic devices (similes, metaphors, rhyme etc.).



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## Reading

Within class we have daily guided reading sessions and activities. This term, children will increase their familiarity with a wide range of books, including myths and legends. We will focus on drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence.

Again, we will continually discuss words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination.

## R.E.

This half term we will complete our 'Energy' topic. Children will retell the story of the Ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, use religious words and phrases to describe what happened to the apostles at Pentecost, what they saw and felt. Finally, children will describe some ways in which Christians live when they use the energy and gifts of the Holy Spirit.

## Spelling

Teaching of the weekly spelling focus will be covered in Basic Skills lessons. The spellings will also be sent home on a Thursday to be tested the following Friday. We will begin by looking at some statutory words for year 3. We will then look at the following sounds: 'k' spelt -ch, the 'g' sound spelt -gue and -que, the 's' sound spelt 'sc' and the 'ei' sound spelt -ei, -eigh, or -ey

## History / Geography

This half term children will find out about who the Ancient Greek people were, when they lived and where and how they were able to establish their empire. The children also compare and contrast the modern day Olympics with the Ancient Greek events. They will learn about and order events from this period of time. In addition to this they learn about Ancient Greek Gods and myths..

## Numeracy

We will begin this term by completing our work on statistics. Children will interpret and present data using bar charts, pictograms and tables and will then solve one and two step problems. After this, we will look at time. Children will tell and write the time from an analogue clock, including using Roman numerals from I to XII, and 12-hour and 24-hour clocks. They will estimate and read time with increasing accuracy to the nearest minute and must record and compare time in terms of seconds, minutes and hours. Children will use vocabulary such as o'clock, a.m./p.m., morning, afternoon, noon and midnight and will know the number of seconds in a minute and the number of days in each month, year and leap year.

## Grammar and Punctuation

SPAG will be covered in our basic skills lessons. We will continually increase the legibility, consistency and quality of handwriting. We will also be continuing to use the first two or three letters of a word to check its spelling in a dictionary and use dictionaries to check the meaning of new words. We will continue to use and punctuate speech. We will then look at using the possessive apostrophe accurately in words with regular plurals.

## Science

This term we will complete a unit about forces and magnets. Children will learn about forces in the context of pushing and pulling. They will work scientifically and collaboratively to investigate friction, by exploring the movement of an object over different surfaces. They will work in a hands on way to identify magnetic materials. The children will explore the way magnetic poles can attract and repel. They will develop their scientific enquiry skills, making observations, predictions and conclusions.

## Music

Every half term we rotate between a Music and MFL focus. This half term children will continue to learn an instrument (the recorder) with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression. Finally, children will perform in ensemble contexts using the recorder.



## Computing

This term we will complete our 'Kodu Sports' unit. This unit provides the children with an opportunity to create 3D video games based on sports and well known games. Children will design, write and debug programs that accomplish specific goal. They will need to use sequence, selection, and repetition in programs. Finally, children will be required to use logical reasoning to explain how some simple algorithms work and to detect and correct errors in algorithms and programs.

Kodu can be downloaded at home for free on:  
<https://www.kodugamelab.com/>

## Art/DT

Our art work will link with humanities and as well as sketching and using wax resist, we will be using card, clay and other mediums to create comedy and tragedy mask as well as Greek vases depicting life in ancient Greece.

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## Community

## PSHCE

We are covering the topic of 'Good to be me' in PSHCE this half term. Our PSCHCE work will also be linked to our Community topic and work will often be completed in our class floor book.

## Useful websites

### English:

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling\\_grammar/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling_grammar/)

### Science

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/physical\\_processes/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/physical_processes/)

### Maths

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=telling+time>

### History

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/z87tn39>

## P.E.

In both indoor and outdoor PE children will be learning about athletics. They will develop flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance through athletics. They will use running, jumping, throwing and catching in isolation and in combination. At the end of term we hope to celebrate the skills we have learnt in a LKS2 mini Greek Olympics!

## 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 greatly beneficial for your children to practice and learn multiplication and division facts for the , 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

## Educational visits and outdoor learning

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

## 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.