

Literacy

This half term in literacy, we are exploring re-count writing in the form of diaries. We will be identifying the features of diaries and writing in the style of a diary. To develop our understanding of sentence formation and text organisation, we will be learning about: modal verbs, linking ideas across paragraphs using adverbials and using brackets to indicate parenthesis. We will also learn to convert nouns or adjectives into verbs using suffixes.

Reading

In line with our values curriculum, the class novel we are reading is *Warhorse* by Michael Morpurgo. We are using this novel to develop our comprehension skills as well as being a vehicle to develop our writing skills.

R.E.

This half term, we will learn about our diocese and the role of the Bishop in our *Mission* topic. We will also find out about other Christian communities in our local area. We will then move onto looking at Jesus' sacrifice and how we keep this alive through the Eucharist.



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Spelling

This half term we be studying a range of spellings including the spellings of words ending in ant, ance and ancy.

Science

Our Science topic this half term is *Changes and Properties of Materials*. We will compare different materials and talk about the key properties of each one. We will carry out lots of practical investigations involving the processes of sieving, filtering, dissolving and evaporating. We will also explore *reversible and irreversible changes*. We will record our results accurately and learn how to draw labelled diagrams of our investigations.

Numeracy

This half term we are developing our understanding of decimals. Examples of some areas of learning include: multiplying and dividing whole numbers and those involving decimals by 10, 100 and 1000, reading and writing decimals as fractions, rounding decimals and problem solving. Later, we will develop our understanding of fractions. Areas of learning will include: comparing and ordering fractions, identifying, naming and writing equivalent fractions of a given fraction and recognising mixed numbers.

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

History / Geography

This half term, we will be focusing on some key events from World War 2. We will learn why WW2 started and which countries were involved. We will look at some significant events including *The Battle of Britain* and *The Holocaust*. We will also learn why Winston Churchill was an inspirational leader. Finally we will look at rationing and evacuee children.

Art/DT

This half term's Art will link with our WW2 History topic. We will use a variety of art materials to complete observational paintings of war planes, portraits of Winston Churchill, collage inspired posters and a clay war medal. We will also make biscuits/cakes following a war time recipe.

SEAL

This half term, pupils will complete the unit *Going for Goals*. They will reflect on their own strengths and the importance of being motivated to do well and achieve goals they set.

P.E.

This half term, we will take part in hockey related activities. We will learn to dribble and pass the ball accurately and how to tackle fairly. We will also develop skills in tag rugby with Phil, our Sports Coach.

MFL

This half term, pupils will complete the Unit *A Manger et a Boire*. They will learn the vocab for a range of food and drinks. They will learn how to order food/drinks in a café, how to order an ice-cream and how to pay using Euros.



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Extra Curricular Opportunities

There are a variety of extra curricular activities for children at St Bernadettes. Please click here to see an up to date list of what is currently being offered.

Educational visits and outdoor learning

Pupils will complete a taster hockey workshop where they will learn some basic skills of this game. They will also be visited by the local fire brigade where they will complete activities relating to fire safety.

Computing

This half term, we will be completing the unit *Video Editing*. Pupils will learn how to import video clips and images and then how to trim and split them. They will also experiment with adding text and appropriate visual effects. Finally they will think about audience and purpose when planning their own video.

Music

In Music, pupils will listen to a range of wartime music. They will learn to appraise music from a different historical period and will discuss similarities/differences between different pieces. They will analyse the lyrics and will attempt to write their own wartime song.

Homework

Spelling homework, relating to patterns explored in class, will be sent weekly. Literacy or numeracy homework, based on the curriculum, will also be given on a weekly basis.

Useful websites

www.mathszone.co.uk
www.topmarks.co.uk
www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/