

Literacy

This half term in literacy, we will begin by exploring a range of explanation texts then we will continue onto exploring narrative texts. Initially, we will identify the features of these genres, then will we use this knowledge to write our own explanations and narratives. To develop our sentences, we will explore the role of causal connectives and employ them in our writing. We will also learn about relative clauses (beginning with who, which, where, when, whose or that).

Reading

Over the next few weeks, we are exploring a range of texts where the skills developed will include: retrieving information, summarising the main idea about what is read and providing reasoned justification for views

R.E.

This half term, we will complete our unit of work on the Eucharist. We will then move onto our Easter topic; Sacrifice. Pupils will learn that Lent is a time of giving in preparation for the celebration of the sacrifice of Jesus.



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Spelling

We be studying a range of spellings including: words from the statutory Year 5 list, adding prefixes and suffixes to words, use of the hyphen and words with the letter string ough.

Science

Our Science topic this half term is *Healthy Humans*. Pupils will learn about the circulatory system and how the human heart works. We will also learn about the main nutrient groups and understand what is meant by a *balanced diet*. We will then move onto thinking about how exercise affects the human body and the importance of leading an active life. Finally we will investigate the impact of drugs, alcohol and tobacco on the human body.

Numeracy

This half term we are exploring a range of mathematical concepts including: Roman Numerals to 1000; recognising and understanding square and cube numbers; measuring angles with a protractor and to recognising acute, obtuse and reflex angles; using the properties of rectangles to find lengths and angles; converting between different units of metric measures and practising using common imperial measures and their metric equivalents

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 completing a Geography topic linked to our justice values curriculum. We will explore the country of St Lucia and will compare and contrast it with a Scottish island. Pupils will learn about Fair Trade products and the importance of supporting farmers in developing countries. We will focus on Fair Trade bananas from St Lucia and life on the banana plantations.

Art/DT

In DT this half term, pupils will complete a unit of work based on textiles. They will design and make a mobile phone case using felt. They will develop and communicate their ideas through discussion and diagrams and will learn how to make a template. They will then practise different sewing techniques to create their final product and evaluate it.

PSHCE

This half term, pupils will complete a unit of work about *Relationships*. We will also complete activities based on our Gospel value of Justice. We look at what fair play means and find out about people who have acted justly in difficult times.

P.E.

This half term, we will continue to work on developing team work skills and coordination in hockey and tag rugby.

MFL

This half term, pupils will continue to work on the Unit *A Manger et a Boire*. They will consolidate how to order food/drinks in a café and learn the associated vocabulary.



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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 activities as part of a whole school Science week.

Computing

This half term, we will be completing a unit of work based on E-Safety. Pupils will learn how to use search technologies effectively and appreciate how results are selected and ranked. They will also learn how to use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly and how to recognise acceptable and unacceptable online behaviour. We will also discuss a range of ways to report any concerns about content or contact when using technology. Linked to our justice values curriculum, pupils will also find out about current legislation relating to the use of technology.

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/