

Literacy

This half term we will be using the theme of 'Defeating a Monster' to focus upon the children's literacy skills including:

- Narrative writing.

We will be focusing on:
components of a narrative
Character and setting

Use of punctuation

Paragraphing and sentence structure

Spelling, grammar and punctuation (SPAG)
handwriting and presentation skills



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Spelling

The teaching of the weekly spelling patterns/focus will be covered in our Basic Skills lessons. Spelling work will be completed throughout the year and covers key spelling rules and patterns for our year group.

Science

This half term we will be broadening their scientific knowledge about electricity.

Children will:

-identify common appliances that run on electricity

construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers

recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and associate this with whether or not a lamp lights in a simple series circuit.

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

An exciting topic this half term focusing on understanding the geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of London and Newcastle.

Reading

This half term we will be reading various fiction texts focusing on our 'Defeating the Monster' theme.

Our class text will be 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. We will also read some monster poems linked with our literacy theme.

R.E.

This half term we will focus on our Community topic. We will begin to understand about belonging to a community and understand the life of the local Christian community by looking at the different roles of people in the local church.

Children will have the opportunity to study St Vincent de Paul's legacy.

P.E.

Outdoor-Monday Indoor- Wednesday
The children will 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 gymnastics skills in our indoor PE lessons.



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FRENCH

Unit 5—Mon Anniversaire

This half term the children will study birthdays-short conversational phrases, dates and numbers 41-60. We will also develop our understanding of telling the time in French.

PSHCE

This half term we shall focus on the "Living in the Wider World" 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

Where possible and when in fitting with the learning, we will be taking the children to work outdoors. We will be using the nature garden along with the Rising Sun Country Park.

COMPUTING

This half term children will use the BBC micro:bit codeable computer. We will design, write and debug programs, including controlling or simulating physical systems. We will create a robot 'Iron man' to control.

Art / DT

This term our Art lessons will be linked to our geography topic. We will be learning about Monet's London cityscapes. Our work will include experimenting with different effects and textures including blocking in colour, washes, thickened paint creating textural effects.

Homework

Homework (Literacy, Numeracy or reading tasks) will be sent out on a Thursday-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.

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>