

## Literacy

This half term we will begin with a focus on non-chronological reports, identifying the purpose of this non-fiction writing, recognising the features and including them in our own writing.

We will then move on to a narrative. Our focus is a Warning Tale. We will use Talk 4 writing to learn the structure, create toolkits for the children to use in their writing and to identify rich vocabulary that makes the reader feel something.



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## Reading

This half term we will be reading a selection of texts including some non-fiction books linked to our history topic of the Anglo-Saxons.

## R.E.

This half term our topic is Giving and Receiving. They will learn about the Introductory Rite, what a person might do if they follow Jesus' advice and ways that peace is lived out by believers. We will look at making links between Scripture and an understanding of the Eucharist.

## Spelling

Spelling work will be completed throughout the year covering key spelling rules and patterns for our year group.

## Science

This half term we will be studying Sound. Pupils will be taught to identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating, recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear, find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it, find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it, recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases.

## Numeracy

This half term pupils will be focusing on:

- Completing our work on angles and symmetry.
- Measuring the perimeter of simple 2-D shapes and linking this to prior knowledge of length.
- counting up and down in tenths
- recognising, finding and writing fractions of a discrete set of objects
- recognising and using fractions as numbers
- recognising and showing, using diagrams, equivalent fractions with small denominators
- adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator within one whole

## 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/](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/)

## Humanities

This term we will be studying history and our topic will be the Anglo-Saxons. We will be focussing on Anglo-Saxon invasions of Britain. We will learn about their settlements and kingdoms. Children will learn about Anglo-Saxon religion and their conversion to Christianity.

## P.E.

Indoor-Wednesday Outdoor- Monday  
The children will continue to develop skilful attacking, defending and team play through hockey.

The children will develop flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance through dance in our indoor PE-our theme is 'The water Cycle'.

They will compare their performances with previous ones and demonstrate improvement to achieve their personal best.

## COMPUTING

This half term children will be Kodu Sport. We will design, write and debug programs that accomplish specific goals and solve problems by decomposing them into smaller parts. We will also use sequence, selection, and repetition in programs and use logical reasoning to explain how some simple algorithms work and to detect and correct errors in algorithms and programs.

## PSHCE

This half term we shall focus on the 'Living in the Wider World'. In this area of the curriculum, children will have the opportunity to research, discuss and debate topical issues, problems and events that are of concern to them and offer their recommendations to appropriate people. We will look at why there are rules/laws and how they are enforced. We will also look at basic human rights and rights and special rights set out by government.



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## 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.

## Useful websites

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/listenandwrite/home.htm> - listen to and write poetry  
[http://interactives.mped.org/view\\_interactive.aspx?id=110&title](http://interactives.mped.org/view_interactive.aspx?id=110&title) - write and publish a newspaper, flyer, brochure or booklet.  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips>

## FRENCH

In French we will continue with the topic 'Mon Anniversaire'. We will gain a basic grasp across a range of French topics and be able to say short French sentences about birthdays, dates, routines and telling the time.

## Art / DT

We will link our art work this half term to our history topic. Children will design an outfit for an Anglo-Saxon, considering the materials needed and why. They will also design and create an Anglo-Saxon brooch. The children will evaluate their work, discussing what went well and what they would improve upon the next time.

## Homework

Homework (Literacy, Numeracy or reading tasks) will be sent out on a Thursday-consolidating class work throughout the week or feeding into what we will be doing in class. If there are any issues, there is a homework workshop on Friday mornings. 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 and that they are sent in to school at least once a week. Children are able to change their books as often as they would like.

## Educational visits and outdoor learning

Any details about trips or visits will be sent via Parentmail.