

## Literacy

This half term, we will be looking at narratives that include character flaws. Using our 'Talk for Writing' approach, we will memorise a text called 'The Door'. From being able to imitate this text, we will then innovate it and finally we will apply what we have learnt to independent writing. We will link our non-fiction writing to our value of Stewardship. Children will learn about some of the features used in persuasion writing before applying these their own writing.

## Reading

This half term we will be reading a selection of texts which include examples of characters with flaws. Our class text will be *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.

## R.E.

This half term our topic is *New Life*. The children will learn about how God is active in each person and, in a special way, in the community of believers - the Church. They will discover that the Holy Spirit enables people to hear God's message and to live in Jesus' way, serving others.



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### Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation

Spelling work will be completed throughout the year covering key spelling rules and patterns for our year group. Punctuation and grammar will be consolidated in our basic skills lessons.

### Science

During the whole of the Summer term our topic is *Living Things and their Habitats*. Children will be taught to recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways. They will explore and use classification keys to group, identify and name a variety of living things in their environment. Children will also recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things.

## Numeracy

This half term pupils will be focusing on:

- counting up and down in tenths and hundredths
- 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
- comparing and ordering unit fractions, and fractions with the same denominators
- solving problems using the above.
- 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 points and draw sides to complete a given polygon.

## Humanities

This half term will have a geography focus - map work. Children will learn how to follow a route on a map, locate places using a variety of different map types, begin to boundary match and use 4 figure grid references and number coordinates to identify features on a map.

## P.E.

Indoor-Wednesday, Outdoor- Monday  
The children will continue to develop skilful play through cricket. Children will learn to run, throw and catch in isolation and in combination. They will develop flexibility, strength, technique and control through athletics skills in our indoor and outdoor PE lessons. They will test their skills in competitive cricket games and practise their athletics techniques for a variety of athletic events.

## Computing

This half term the children will use digital media to record and collect visual information. They will present recorded visual images using software e.g. Photostory, PowerPoint, Our Story for iPad.

## 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

## French

In French we will continue with our topic 'Mon Anniversaire'. We will explore a range of French verbs across a variety of French topics. We will be able to say short French sentences about our birthdays and dates.

## Art / DT

We will link our art work this half term to our Gospel value. Children will use recycled materials to experiment with a range of collage techniques such as tearing, overlapping and layering to create images and represent textures.

## 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 time to see me in Milner's workshop to help with homework. 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

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