



## Year 6 – Mrs Hall

### English

Continuing on our Talk 4 Writing journey, we will learn how to write an effective wishing tale. Using the model of the 'Two Elves & Two Wishes', we will imitate, innovate and finally invent our very own wishing tales based on our class reader. We will also look at different tales of the same genre, in order to learn how to incorporate different grammatical features, use a range of punctuation and develop rich vocabulary. Furthermore, we will develop this towards the end of the half term as we move onto journalistic writing.

### Reading

Reading is key to every part of our English curriculum this year. Opportunities for one-to-one, small group and whole class reading will be provided through English lessons as well as discrete reading sessions.

We do insist that all Y6 pupils read for 10-15 minutes at home every evening as it is crucial

### SPAG

SPAG will be taught in both English lessons and weekly Basic Skills sessions. We will focus on a different skill and spelling pattern each week. Year 6's spelling list will be shared in the autumn term.

### Homework

This year, children will receive weekly Maths and English homework. Maths will be handed out on Monday and is due back in on the Thursday and English will be handed out on Friday to be completed over the weekend.

### Extra Curricular

There are a variety of extra curricular activities for children at St Bernadette's. Please check our website, Bernadette's Blog and Parent Mail to keep up to date with what opportunities are available.

### Maths

Establishing a secure knowledge of place value will provide pupils with a solid start to this year's maths curriculum. Pupils will identify the value of any digit in 8 digit numbers, round numbers to any given degree of accuracy and use negative numbers. In all of these areas we will develop our fluency and reasoning skills.

Through daily arithmetic sessions, we will continue to develop our basic calculation skills following our whole school calculation policy which can be found on the school website.

### R.E.

Our RE during the Autumn term will cover the topic of Family and Local Church. WE will consider the idea of unconditional love by looking at parable's such as the Prodigal Son, where we will hold our own trial. Was the Father right to welcome the son back after his foolish and reckless behaviour?

### Science

We will begin the year with our Living things and their habitats unit. Children will begin to describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird. They will then learn the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals.

## Topic

This term we will learn about the ancient Mayan Civilisation. The children will learn who the ancient Mayan people were and where and when they lived. They will locate Mayan cities and identify countries in Mesoamerica.

In addition to this they will learn about the religious beliefs and rituals of the ancient Maya people and find out more about some of the many gods they worshipped.



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### Art & DT

Our art will link closely with our history topic. Our main focus will be collage and mosaic, helping the children to become proficient in craft and design techniques.

### Computing

This term we will use Kodu to make our own 3D Pacman game. This unit will extend students' previous use of Kodu and will allow them the opportunity to plan and create their own game concepts. Children will be investigating and creating 3D versions of the classic retro game Pacman. Kodu is also available for your children to download at home for free at: <https://www.kodugamelab.com/>.

### Educational Visits and Outdoor Learning

Further Educational visits are yet to be confirmed. Information will be passed on to parents/carers when all trips are organised.

### Useful Websites

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling\\_grammar/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling_grammar/)

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Interactive.aspx?cat=21>

<https://www.sumdog.com/>

### P.E

This year we will have indoor PE on a Tuesday afternoon and outdoor PE will be with Phil on a Thursday afternoon. This term the children will participate in team games, volleyball and basketball, developing simple tactics for attacking and defending. They will master basic movements including running and jumping, as well as developing balance and agility.

### French

This term we will begin French with an 'All About Town' unit. Children will develop an intercultural understanding by being introduced to the sights of some typical French cities. They will also learn how to describe places in a town, give their address in French and count to 100.

### SEAL

This half term we are covering the topic of Health and Wellbeing. Our PSHE work will also be linked to our Trust topic and work will often be completed in our class floor book. We will also be developing our mental wellbeing through a range of mindfulness activities.