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## Year 5/6 – Miss Hall

### English

We will begin this half term by completing a wishing tale. We will imitate and innovate *Two Elves and Two Wishes* then will invent our own wishing narrative. Children will describe settings, characters and atmosphere and will integrate dialogue to convey character and advance the action. We will also focus on using vocabulary, grammar and punctuation to enhance effects and clarify meaning.

### Reading

Reading is incredibly important this year. It will be an integral part of our English lessons and will also be taught through guided reading sessions. We always ensure there is time provided for the children to read for pleasure and would also like this to be encouraged daily at home.

### 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. Spelling word lists and patterns will be shared on Seesaw for pupils to learn throughout the year.

### Homework

This year, children will receive weekly Maths and English homework. Maths will be handed out on a Monday and is due back in on the Thursday and English will be handed out on a Thursday 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

We will start the year by visiting Place Value. Children will read, write, order and compare numbers to at least 1000000 and determine the value of each digit, count forwards or backwards in steps of powers of 10 for any given number, round any number up to 1000000, read Roman numerals to 1000 (M) and recognise years written in Roman numerals. After this, children will interpret negative numbers in context, count forwards and backwards with positive and negative whole num-

### R.E.

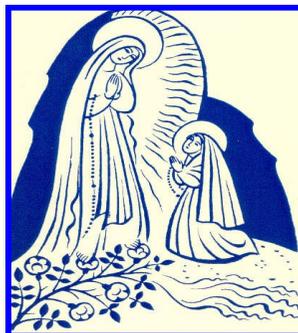
We begin this term with our family topic, titled 'Ourselves'. Children will make links between the words of Paul and the Christian's belief in peace, give reasons why Christians believe in peace, describe and show an understanding of the scripture, beliefs, feelings and the experience of being made in image and

### 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 Maya Civilisation. The children will learn who the ancient Maya people were and where and when they lived. They will locate Maya 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



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### Art & DT

This term we will link our Art work to our History topic. We will practise writing words using logograms and syllabograms in the hieroglyphic style of the ancient Maya people. We will then look at how craftspeople and designers made masks during the Maya Civilisation. The children will design and construct their own Mayan inspired masks.

### 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:

### 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

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

Reading  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/reading/>

Maths  
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Interactive.aspx?>

### P.E

This year we will have indoor PE on a Tuesday afternoon and outdoor PE will 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 agility and co-

### 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 PSCHE work will also be linked to our Trust topic and work will often be completed in our class floor book.