English

Our literacy work this term will be influenced by our Stewardship of Creation topic and will be heavily based around a collection of short stories from our class text- Strories for a Fragile Planet by Kenneth Stevens. We will imitate and innovate a model text then will invent our own. Children will describing settings, characters and atmosphere. We will also focus on using vocabulary, grammar and punctuation to enhance effects and clarify meaning. During this final term, we will consolidate and revise all taught SPAG skills (such as tenses, clauses, punctuation, passive voice, subjunctive etc.)

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, where it will be highlighted through reading and used in the application of writing. This half term, we will consolidate a range of punctuation (semicolons, colons, brackets and dashes), the subjunctive form, passive and active voice and verb tenses.



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R.E.

This half term we are focusing on the feast of Pentecost. Christians believe that the spirit of God is active in each person and in a special way in the community of believers which is the Church. The Feast of children will look at the celebration both of the gift of God's Holy Spirit and the trust God places in people to be witnesses in the world.

Maths

This term our maths lessons will focus on bridging any gaps in knowledge from both the year 5 and 6 curriculums. We will be begin by consolidating fractions, decimals and percentages, measures and then will work on mixed reasoning and investigatory work. During this final term, we will really focus on deepening and developing the children's knowledge and understanding in all areas by focusing on problem solving and reasoning skills.

We will continue weekly arithmetic sessions, again consolidating all previous taught topics ensuring children are ready to progress to year 6 and/or high school.

Homework

This term, 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.

Science

Our final science topic is a biology unit in which children must describe the changes as humans develop to old age. We will draw a timeline to indicate stages in the growth and development of humans. Children will also learn about the changes experienced during puberty. Pupils will work scientifically by researching the gestation periods of other animals and comparing them with humans.

Topic

This term our geography will link to our Gospel Value as children will look at the effects of global warming upon our planet and what can be done to preserve, protect and prevent this. We will focus on developing the children's understanding of key aspects of physical geography including coasts, rivers and the water cycle including transpiration; climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts.

Art & DT

This half term, our art lessons will also be linked to our Gospel Value and other subjects as we will use the illustrations from our class text as inspiration for our art work. Children will develop a painting from a drawing, carry out preliminary studies, trying out different media and materials and mixing appropriate colours and will create their own imaginative work from a variety of sources.

Computing

This half term we will be completing a unit that takes the children through the process of analysing and building the classic game Pac-Man using Scratch. They will design, write and debug programs that accomplish specific goals, including controlling or simulating physical systems. They will use sequence, selection, and repetition in programs; work with variables and various forms of input and output.



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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.

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.

P.E

This half term, we will use running, jumping, throwing and catching in isolation and in combination as we compete in different athletic sports. We will also play in competitive games (rounder's) where children will demonstrate control, accuracy and sound technique in their bowling, batting and fielding. This half term we will also compete and participate in a range of aerobics, athletics and competitive sports, during sports week.

French

This half term our topic of *On the Move will continue*. The children will learn to: name some types of transport, use Je... and Tu... correctly in a simple sentence, respond to simple instructions for direction and movement and follow simple directions to find a place on a map.

SEAL

This half term we are covering the topic of Health and Wellbeing. Our PSCHE work will also be linked to our Stewardship of Creation topic and work will often be completed in our class floor book.