

Literacy

This half term our work will be based around the theme of animals using 'The Night Zookeeper' website and story as a stimulus for our writing.

We will cover the following:

- Biographies- Dick-King Smith
- Animal poems-developing their performance poetry skills and compose their own poems.
- Information texts- animal themed using QUAD grid research to produce an oral information text.
- Play scripts_ Fantastic Mr Fox

Reading

Within class and during our literacy lessons we will be reading extracts from Fantastic Mr Fox- Roald Dahl. In addition, reading sessions and activities will take place weekly.

R.E.

As a Catholic school we follow the diocesan scheme of work, 'Come and See'. Topics this term include:
Self Discipline-Lent/Easter (Giving)



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Spelling

We will continue covering spelling patterns during our basic skills lessons and handwriting practice. We will begin by focusing on 'ous' & 'ation' followed by common homophones.

Science

A chemistry unit this half term focusing on 'States of Matter' in which our class will learn about the differences between solids, liquids and gases, classifying objects and identifying their properties.

The children will work scientifically and collaboratively to investigate the weight of a gas. Furthermore, they will have chance to find the ideal temperature to melt chocolate. They will explore in-depth how water changes state, exploring melting, freezing, condensing as well as a particular focus on evaporation. Finally, they will learn about the stages of the water cycle, creating mini water worlds and an interactive water wheel to represent the different stages.

Numeracy

We will begin the 2nd half term looking at fractions, children will count up and down in tenths; recognise that tenths arise from dividing an object or number into 10. Children will also recognise, find and write fractions of a discrete set of shapes and then numbers and search for equivalent fractions.

We will end this half term looking at analogue and digital time.

Grammar and Punctuation

Spelling, grammar and punctuation will be covered during our weekly basic skills lessons, linked to our literacy work/topic. We will begin by looking at speech marks and direct speech. Different sentence openings, followed by possessive apostrophe work and conjunctions.

Geography European Case Study

Journey back to the 5th century to discover the fascinating world of the Anglo-Saxons. We will discover how and when the Anglo-Saxons invaded and settled in Britain, how they lived when they got there, how they were converted to Christianity. All this is explored in the context of the archaeological discovery of the burial ship discovered at Sutton Hoo and will provide a mysterious clue-hunting mission as our class find out who was buried there!

French

Unit 3- Ma Famille

Children will continue this unit.

They will understand and respond to simple classroom commands; learn colours; begin to recognise, and use numbers 0 to 30.



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Computing

We will begin this half term studying programming skills using curriculum software to practise our skills.

We will also use our ICT skills to research information about chosen animals for our information work within literacy.

Extra Curricular Opportunities

There are a variety of extra curricular activities for children at St Bernadette's. Please see an up to date list of what is currently being offered on our website.

Art/DT

We will be focus art around Anglo-Saxon artefacts. We will study the Sutton Hoo hoard and work with different materials to create Anglo-Saxon jewellery.

Music

We will be learning to play the recorder in Year 3/4 this term. We will learn new skills including getting to know our musical instrument through a variety of fun activities, reading music, finger positions and playing simple tunes.

P.E.

This term, as part of our PE curriculum, Year 3/4 will be introduced to The Bare Necessities music, creating a class dance. The children will also continue to have outdoor tennis PE lessons with Phil.

PSHCE

We are covering the topic of 'Value of Mercy in PSHCE as part of the Church's Year of Mercy.

Homework

One piece of maths or English homework will be sent home on a Thursday to be returned the following Tuesday. In addition to this, it would be beneficial for your children to practice and learn their times tables.

Educational visits and outdoor learning

No educational visits this half term.