

Literacy

This half term the children will be immersed in Dracula's Heir by Sam Stall. Through reading and discussion, this interactive mystery story will form the basis of our recount writing as well as developing reading skills such as inference and deduction. The children will learn how to further develop their writing skills through character profiles, newspaper reports and diary entries. The key skills we will be covering to transform the children's writing will be:-

Organisation of information using time connectives

Formal and informal language styles

Use of past tense, first person and third person

Reading

The children will be taught reading within literacy lessons as well as daily focussed reading sessions. They will be taught the skills of comprehension, inference, text structure and organisation., language and themes using a variety of text styles and genres.

R.E.

This half term, pupils in Year 5 will look at the topics of Loving/Family and Baptism & Confirmation. We will be looking at how the beliefs of Christinas shape their lives' and hw being loving to one another can influence ourselves and those around us.,



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Ancient China

History/ Geography

This half term we will be looking at the ancient civilisation, Shang Dynasty with a history focus in mind. We will be looking at ordering events within the era chronologically, the resourcefulness of the early farming and the development of writing and the Bronze age.

Maths

This half term the children will learn about the value and meaning of larger numbers themselves and in comparison to others. Where possible our lessons will be linked to our topic as well as recent joint experiences such as High Borrans.

Beginning with a focus on place value the children will be learning to:-

Partition numbers with up to six digits

Read, write, order and compare numbers with up to six digits

Rounding numbers

Negative numbers

Counting forwards and backwards as well as through zero through a variety of different number patterns

We will also be comparing and classifying a number

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

After initial assessment to identify the children's strengths and weaknesses in this area we will be following the Year 5 curriculum objectives in this after with daily interactive fast paced basic skills activities. Spelling has been identified as a particular weakness across the class; as a result regular

Art / DT

Whilst a handful of the children's homework tasks will have a Design Technology focus, the children will also be looking at Chinese water colour painting, Chinese lanterns, oil pastel drawings of the Rainbow Mountain range and clay sculpting as a depiction of the Terracotta Army. Throughout the year the children will be building a sketchbook of jottings and experimenting with different mediums as well as learning to analyse and evaluate their successes, strengths and weaknesses.



Useful websites

<http://www.maths-games.org/>

<http://www.mathematicshed.com/>

Computing

We will be looking at different styles of traditional Chinese music which are used as an expression of emotion and composing our own using Beatwave. The children will be assessing, not only their cultural appreciation, but the accessibility of the App and suggesting improvements that would improve it.

As part of our ongoing **Science** topic we will be gathering research on endangered species, and the work of naturalists and animal behaviourists. Children will be taught to assess the validity and reliability of resources, websites and information.

P.E.

The children will be learning hockey skills this half term. We will be learning how to control and pass the ball and how to defend and attack.

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PSHCE

New Beginnings

The children will look at -
Belonging

Self awareness

Understanding feelings

Managing feelings

Social Skills

Making choices

Extra Curricular Opportunities

There are a variety of extra curricular activities for children at St Bernadettes. Please click here to see an up to date list of what is currently being offered.

Educational visits and outdoor learning

Children will be designing an irrigation system, collecting and measuring rainfall as well as looking at the conditions needed for germination. There is also a chance we may have the opportunity to visit Durham University for a cross curricular workshop.

Homework

Homework will usually be handed out on Fridays. Design based homework will be due in the following Thursday whereas any literacy or maths will be due in on the Tuesday.

Reading, writing or maths homework will always be linked to work we have covered in lesson time and will be designed to consolidate or extend learning.