

Literacy

This half term we will be covering—

After the success of Wayne Manor in our Literacy work in the first half term, we will continue to use a theme for our work! The first theme will be Remembrance Day. With a focus on compassion, we will attempt an extended Narrative piece. Following this we will use picture books as a basis for some work on discussion texts (arguments). We will end the term with some winter poetry based on The Christmas Truce—linking back to our Remembrance theme from the beginning of the half term.



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Reading

This half term has a focus on picture books. We will be using 2 books by Shaun Tan—The Red Tree and The Lost Thing. The book we are reading in class is Demon Dentist.

R.E.

Our current RE topic, that is ongoing from the first half term, is Vocation and Commitment—where we are looking at the Sacrament of Ordination (where someone becomes a priest). Our final topic before the end of the Autumn term is Hope. We will talk about how Advent is the church's season of waiting in joyful hope!

Spelling

All spelling work in Year 5/6 is linked to National Curriculum. It is taught during basic skills sessions throughout the week. This half term, we will be revising a variety of word endings, homophones and words with silent letters.

Science

Science will see us study the topic of Light. Considering things like, how the eye works, how light travels, shadows and ending with some investigations and observations related to and enhancing our learning!

Maths

Through a range of different problem solving and reasoning activities we will cover all aspects of numeracy this year. After focusing mostly on calculation last half term, this half term we will look at Fractions (identifying, comparing, ordering, finding equivalents, multiplying fractions and dividing by fractions). We will also look at Geometry (discussing properties of shapes, finding angles, translations etc.). We will spend some time focusing on Arithmetic - revisiting our calculation work from the 1st half term.

Grammar and Punctuation

Through a weekly grammar and punctuation lesson with Mrs O'Brien, Year 5/6 will focus on securing the use of punctuation. Including when to use colons and semi colons.

History

Mrs Gibbins will teach History this half term. The new topic is a very exciting one, The Shang Dynasty of ancient China. There will be lots of opportunity to get creative in this very interesting topic!

Art / DT

After the very successful work on water colours in the first half term, Year 5/6 will take part in Art & DT lessons again taught by Mrs Gibbins. The lessons will be linked to the historical and geographical study of The Shang Dynasty of ancient China.



Computing

Digital Art is our computing topic for this half term and the next. We will look at using software like Sumo to edit and manipulate images to create pleasing results.

P.E.

Year 5/6 will continue to have their outdoor PE lessons on a Friday afternoon with Phil—where he will continue to look at lots of different team games. Our indoor lessons will have a gymnastics focus this half term—considering balance, movement and performance.

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Extra Curricular Opportunities

St. Bernadette's RC Primary School often has a range of extra curricular opportunities on offer. Look out for club letters on Parent Mail and keep an eye on the website.

Homework

Year 5—Homework will be a combination of literacy and numeracy. Given every Thursday to be completed by the following Monday.

Year 6— Homework will be given on Thursdays—to be returned the following Thursday. The Year 6 homework will be heavily numeracy based to encourage practice and revision.

SEAL

Our second SEAL topic this year is Relationships.

Our class focus this half term will be compassion—which links itself well to the relationships topic.

Educational visits & Outdoor Learning

We are waiting on the confirmation of a Science Trip this half term. Details will be sent home when it is finalised!

Useful websites

<http://www.sumdog.com>
<http://www.bitesize.com>