

Literacy

This half term the children will be looking at the wildlife and beauty of their local surroundings.

Year 6 will be developing a range of vocabulary to write 2 very different genres. The first will be a persuasive text, constructing arguments to stop the council building on local treasures. The second will be a narrative unit, whereby the children will recount their experiences of the Rising Sun Country Park, describing in detail the flora and fauna and the wonder of nature surrounding them.

The key skills we will be covering to transform the children's writing will be:-

Emotive and descriptive language

Structure and Organisation of information using paragraphs and maintain a clear structure within these paragraphs.

Use of different tenses.

Presenting factual information and use of formal language

Developing complex grammar techniques such as passive voice.

R.E.

Our topics this half term will be the Eucharist and unity, as well as Death & New Life through Lent and Easter.

We will be considering how, for Christians, communion has a significant meaning and think about how taking communion means being in union with Jesus Christ and one another.

Following this, we will be discussing how new life begins through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. We will examine the Lenten journey as one which takes us to the glory of Easter Sunday, from death to new life.



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Reading

The children will take part in a range of reading activities with different texts through Literacy lessons.

This term, in the run up to SATs, pupils will be accessing anumber of small reading groups and comprehension activities to not only teach reading, but also focus on test technique and ensuring we understand what the questions ask us and how to retrieve that information for a text.

Maths

Over the half term we will be coming together to focus on lots of different aspects of maths.

All pupils will take part in daily arithmetic sessions, covering all areas of calculation and fractions. For these sessions many pupils will work in small groups to maximise their support and achievement.

During our main maths lessons, we will be exploring new ideas such as algebra and ratio and proportion. Following this we will return to geometry and measure, considering areas of maths such as conversions and volume. We will also be studying objectives covering position and direction, including translation, rotation and reflection.

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

Grammar will be taught heavily through Literacy lessons, however pupils will also receive discrete grammar and spelling lessons in preparation for our SPAG tests in May.

History/ Geography

This half term we will be looking at the Mayans, an ancient Mexican civilisation, who developed the first known number and calendar system. We will be focusing on time sequence and the possible geological explanation for the civilisation's disappearance.

Art / DT

Our Art work will be heavily linked to our Literacy work about local natural treasures. Mrs Gibbins will be teaching the pupils a range of different techniques to try and capture the beauty of our natural surroundings.

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. Children are shown different techniques and are given opportunity to practice as part of their portfolio.



Useful websites

Mymaths.com BBC Bitesize KS2
Sumdog.com

Computing

We are going to be using a programme called Kodu to make our own computer games. Pupils have had some experience of this programme, however we will further this knowledge by accessing different levels and creating new 'worlds' to share and trial amongst our peers.

We will also be rating each others games and evaluating them in terms of effectiveness and appeal.

Science

Our topic this half term is Animals including humans. We will explore vital organs such as the heart and lungs and consider how to keep healthy.

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P.E.

The children will be taking part in a whole school Volleyball focus this half term in indoor P.E.

Whilst outdoor with Phil children will be working on improving their ball skills.

May we please remind you that the children take part in P.E. despite weather conditions so ensure they have outdoor PE kit that is suitable for all conditions.

Homework

Homework will be given out in UFA on a Monday. There will be a balance of Maths and English, all of which will be consolidation and revision.

This homework is an incredibly important part of the Y6 revision programme as it allows pupils to revisit any areas of weakness and receive extra help with this during school time and booster sessions so please encourage your child to complete it all at home and ask for help in school if stuck.

PSHCE

Getting on and falling out

The children will look at -

Knowing that relationships are all different therefore different behaviours are appropriate; not demanding more than they are willing to give; sometimes difference is a barrier to friendship.

Seeing a situation through another's perspective, how it feels to be excluded.

Effective leadership qualities.

Extra Curricular

Opportunities

There are a variety of extra curricular activities for children at St Bernadette's.

For Year 6, UFA will continue on Monday evenings from 3.45-4.45. Pupils will have boosters and tutorials for revision purposes.

Morning boosters and toast will also continue.

Educational visits and outdoor learning

We have no visits planned for this half term.

We will be venturing into the outdoors and to the Rising Sun to inspire our literacy work.