

## Literacy

This half term the children will be using Why the Whales came as the stimulus for our summer topic. The children will initially be working towards an instruction text with a clear focus on the grammatical formation and extended instruction.

Following this, the class will be revisiting features of an explanation text. Through group planning, shared reading and discussion, the Why the Whales Came plot, film and resources will form the basis of our writing as well as embedding inference and deduction. The children will learn how to further develop their writing skills through the five senses. The key skills we will be covering to transform the children's writing will be: similes and metaphors, organisation of information, using paragraphs, descriptive language techniques such as adjectives, adverbs and powerful verbs, use of present tense and plurals and extended sentences.

## R.E.

Our topic this term is Stewardship. The children will be learning that every human being is created in the image of God.

We will know and understand how to care for the earth. Pupils will know and understand how and why the church is called the stewardship of Creation.



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## Maths

This half term the children will be revisiting the taught objectives in the Year 5 curriculum in preparation for Year 6. Where possible our lessons will be given a learning real life context. Children will be focussing on different vocabulary linked to each objectives to improve their reasoning skills. At this point in the year, the children will be further developing their problem solving skills, particularly with open ended problems, as they self evaluated this as a particular weakness at the end of last half term.

## 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 spelling is becoming part of our taught literacy and basic skills lessons.

## Reading

The children will be taught reading within basic skills 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.

The children are encouraged to continue this at home, looking at a wide range of different genres.

## History/ Geography

This half term, all of Upper Key Stage 2 will be studying are looking forward to exploring the topic of 'Medicine'. This topic will see the class research and learn all about medicine throughout the ages. We will travel all the way from Anglo-Saxon times to the present day to look at genetic disease and medicine, as well as environmental factors and how medicine has developed over time.

## Art / DT

Whilst a handful of the children's homework tasks will have a Design Technology focus, the children will be looking at textured art on the theme of this half term's core value, Respect.

Following this the children will be developing and experimenting with acrylic paints on foil. We will be looking at images of different settings in our literacy text, Why The Whales Came.

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 and Apps

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

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

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

## Computing

We will be trying to create an Arcade game from the past, such as Pacman, using Scratch programming. As part of our new **Science** topic, Properties of State, we will be conducting experiences involving melting, burning and dissolving.

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## Educational visits and

## outdoor learning

Children will have the opportunity to visit St Thomas Moor this half term in transition based activities.

We are also planning a STEM skills based trip to Sandhaven beach in South Shields, where children can work together in a charity based event, The Children North East Sandcastle Challenge, in order to win money for school.

## Homework

Homework will usually be handed out on Fridays. Usually there will be a set amount so that children are able to do something each night. Reading, writing, school literature, or maths homework will always be linked to work we have covered in lesson time and will be designed to consolidate or extend learning.

## PSHCE

In addition to looking at our value—Respect, we will be taking part in a SEAL topic of 'Changes'. With the aims of equipping children with an understanding of different types of change, positive and negative, and common human responses to it.

## P.E.

This term the children will be continuing on with ball skills with Phil on Friday afternoons.

On Thursdays however we will be looking at Athletics and improving fitness and skill. A reminder that all children must have their indoor and outdoor kits in school.

## Extra Curricular Opportunities

There are a variety of extra curricular activities for children at St Bernadettes. Please see the school website for these.