

Literacy

As our Upper Key stage 2 theme this half term is 'Summer', we will be using the SpiderWick Chronicles Filed Guide to inspire our writing on 'The Secret Creatures of Summer'. We will be examining how to care for Sprites, Pixies and Hobgoblins and producing explanation tests based on our research.

Following this we will be looking at a range of extracts from the Spiderwick Chronicles to inspire our creative writing, involving more sinister creatures such as Trolls and Salamanders.

As we come to the close of the year, we will continue to improve the quality of our writing through our composition, grammar and whole text structure.

Furthermore, we will be using the Michael Morpurgo book 'Kensuke's Kingdom' to produce some writing to send to our High School as part of a transition unit of work.

R.E.

Pupils will have a multi faith week this half term, where we will study the five pillars of Islam.

Following this, we will end our year by looking at the topic of the Universal Church. We will consider how we can live justly to benefit the common good. We will use a range of CAFOD resources to look at concepts such as social justice, dignity and Catholic Social Teaching.



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Maths

This half term the children will be revisiting the taught objectives in the Year 6 curriculum with a focus on problem solving and reasoning. We will undertake a number of mini projects to review previous objectives in a range of different contexts, such as designing our own Sports Shop businesses which will involve calculating wages, planning staff rotas and calculating net and gross profits.

At this point in the year, the children will be working on broadening our general maths knowledge, looking ahead to high school.

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

We will continue to improve our SPaG both through daily literacy lessons and specific grammar and spelling lessons. We will continue to use and familiarise ourselves with technical grammatical terms so that in our move to high school, we are confident in our Literacy ability.

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.

The children are encouraged to continue this at home, looking at a wide range of different genres and 10-15 minutes daily reading.

History/ Geography

This half term, all of Upper Key Stage 2 will be studying and 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

Mrs Gibbins will be working on some exciting design and technology projects over the next few weeks. The class will be learning about, preparing and making a variety of different breads.

They will work on researching recipes, preparing ingredients, cooking the bread and hopefully tasting some of their successful attempts.

Linking to our Literacy, Year 6 will be looking at the artist William Morris. Focusing on natural colours, tones and textures will produce some beautiful pieces of art which will tie in with our mysterious summer creatures explanation and fiction work.



Useful websites and Apps

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

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

MyMaths

Computing

Our Computing topic will be based on our transition work on Kensuke's Kingdom. We will use a range of apps to create ebooks and green screen shots to support this.

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.

We will be practising our skills for the Staff Year 6 Rounders match, as well as looking at some athletics events, both field and track.

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Extra Curricular Opportunities

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

Educational visits and outdoor learning

Children will have the opportunity to visit St Thomas Moor this half term in transition based activities. In addition to this Year 6 will attend a French Performance at STM Academy.

We will also have our Leavers Trip on Friday 24th June. The destination will be revealed nearer the time.

Homework

Homework will be issued once a week. Pupils are expected to timetable their homework independently, in order to prepare the pupils for high school.

All homework will be based on our Kensuke's Kingdom transition project and will be of a cross curricular nature.