Literacy

This half term our literacy work will link to our value of Community and also our theme of Summer. We will begin by writing an adventure narrative. We will focus on using speech, description and using varied sentence types to create suspense. Following this, we will be writing and performing a range of poems with a summer theme. We will focus on poetic devices such as alliteration, similes and metaphors. We will also look at how we can use intonation and expression to convey meaning and capture the audience's interest.

Reading

Within class we have daily guided reading sessions and activities. We will focus on narrative and adventure stories, drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence. We will read various types of poetry and will analyse the structure and words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination.

Spelling

Teaching of the weekly spelling focus will be covered in Basic Skills lessons. The spellings will also be sent home on a Thursday to be tested the following Friday. We will look at the 's' sound spelt sc, the e1/ sound spelt ei, eigh, or ey, words with possessive apostrophes and homophones.



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R.E.

This half term we will complete a 'Reconciliation' topic. Children will retell the stories of the Two Sons and the Prodigal Son, describe the Sacrament of Reconciliation and describe some ways in which followers of Jesus live. Our final topic is the 'Universal Church'. Pupils will retell some stories about the special places for Jesus and will describe how religion is lived out in terms of worship and pilgrimage,

Grammar and Punctuation

SPAG will be covered in our basic skills lessons. We will continue to use and punctuate speech in the context of a narrative. We will also focus on expanding and improving our vocabulary. We will then look at using the possessive apostrophe accurately in words with regular plurals. We will also look at homophones and near homophones.

Numeracy

This half term we will consolidate our learning from previous topics, and complete any objectives we have not yet covered. We will revisit place value and look at comparing and ordering numbers and counting in multiples of 4, 8, 50 and 100. Then we will focus on adding and subtracting money before looking at all four operations. We will re-cap on the written methods and then apply this to problem solving activities. We will then recognise 3D shapes in different orientations, make models and describe them using their properties. Finally, we will focus on fractions and, particularly equivalent fractions.

Geography

This half term children will find out about their local area, Newcastle! Children will begin by learning about the 8 points on a compass and four figure grid references on a map. We will then look at human and physical features in Newcastle area using a range of methods, including maps, plans and graphs, and digital technologies.

Science

This half term we will complete a unit of work about light and shadow. Pupils will recognise that they need light in order to see things and what dark is. They will notice that light can be reflected off surfaces and recognise how shadows are produced and how they can change in size. They will also learn about the dangers of light and what they can do to protect their eyes.

French

Children will complete unit 2 'Je me Presente'. They will understand and use set phrases to talk about themselves and ask others for simple personal information; understand numbers from 12 to 21, understand and use days of the week and weather phrases; and compare ways in which they and other people celebrate festivals.



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PSHCE

We are covering the topic of 'Changes in PSHCE this half term. Our PSCHE work will also be linked to our Community topic and work will often be completed in our class floor book.

Useful websites

English:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/ spelling_grammar/ <u>Maths</u> Sumdog App <u>French</u> http://www.bbc.co.uk/schoolsprimarylanguages/ french/ <u>Science</u> http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/

P.E.

In both indoor and outdoor PE children will be learning about athletics and rounders . They will develop flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance through athletics. In rounders they will use running, jumping and catching and will learn apply basic principles suitable for attacking and defending.

Homework

1 piece of maths or English homework will be sent home on a Thursday to be returned the following Tuesday. In addition to this, it would be greatly beneficial for your children to practice and learn multiplication and division facts for the , 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

Educational visits and outdoor learning

Further Educational visits are yet to be confirmed. Information will be passed on to parents/carers when all lower key stage two trips are organised.

Extra Curricular Opportunities

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

Computing

This term we will complete a 'Searching the Web' unit. This unit looks at all elements of searching the web with care and consideration. Children will cover: Search tricks, validating websites, improving your searches, searching images and searching online maps.

Art/DT

This term we will complete some arts and crafts activities focused around our Summer theme. The objectives we will be covering are; measure, mark out, cut and shape materials and components with some accuracy, assemble, join and combine materials, mix colours, tints and shades, create textures with a wide range of implements and apply a simple use of pattern and texture in a drawing.