

Literacy

This half term we will be looking at narratives that include character flaws. We will be learning a text called 'The Door' and innovating it, and apply what we have learnt independently. We will link our non-fiction writing to our value of Stewardship. Children will learn some of the features used in persuasion writing before applying these their own writing.



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Reading

This half term we will be reading a selection of texts which include examples of characters with flaws. Our class text will be Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

R.E.

This half term our topic is New Life. The children will learn about how God's is active in each person and, in a special way, in the community of believers; the Church. They will discover that the Holy Spirit enables people to hear God message and to live in Jesus' way, serving others.

Spelling

Spelling work will be completed throughout the year covering key spelling rules and patterns for our year group.

Science

During the whole of Summer term our topic is Living things and their habitats. Children will be taught to recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways. They will explore and use classification keys to group, identify and name a variety of living things in their environment. Children will also recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things.

Numeracy

This half term pupils will be focusing on:

- comparing decimal numbers up to 2 decimal places, recognise decimal equivalents and round decimals to the nearest whole number
- convert between units of measure
- find, measure and calculate the area and perimeter of rectilinear shapes
- read, write and convert time between analogue and digital 24 hour clocks
- compare and classify shapes, according to properties and size
- identify angles and lines of symmetry
- describe positions on a grid
- solving problems that involve all of the above

Grammar and Punctuation

For further information on the Grammar and Punctuation which will be completed in this year group, please visit -

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/

Humanities

This half term will have a geography focus; map work. Children will learn how to follow a route on a map, locate places using a variety of different map types, begin to boundary match and use 4 figure compasses and letter/number coordinates to identify features on a map.

P.E.

Indoor-Thursday Outdoor- Wednesday

The children will continue to develop skilful play through Cricket. Children will learn to run, throw and catch in isolation and in combination. The children will develop flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance through dance in our indoor PE. They will compare their performances with previous ones and demonstrate improvement to achieve their personal best.

COMPUTING

This half term the children will use digital media to record and collect visual information. They will present recorded visual images using software e.g. Photostory, PowerPoint, Our Story for iPad.

PSHCE

This half term we shall focus on the 'Living in the Wider World'. In this area of the curriculum, children will have the opportunity to research, discuss and debate topical issues, problems and events that are of concern to them and offer their recommendations to appropriate people. We will look at why there are rules/laws and how they are enforced. We will also look at basic human rights and rights and special rights set out by government.



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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.

Useful websites

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/listenandwrite/home.htm> - listen to and write poetry
http://interactives.mped.org/view_interactive.aspx?id=110&title - write and publish a newspaper, flyer, brochure or booklet.
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips>

FRENCH

In French we will continue with the topic 'Je me presente'. We will gain a basic grasp across a range of French topics and be able to say short French sentences about ourselves and the things around us.

Art / DT

We will link our art work this half term to our Gospel value. Children will use recycled materials to experiment with a range of collage techniques such as tearing, overlapping and layering to create images and represent textures.

Homework

Homework (Literacy, Numeracy or reading tasks) will be sent out on a Friday-consolidating class work throughout the week or feeding into what we will be doing in class. If there are any issues, there is time to see me after the weekend. All homework should be completed by Wednesday and brought into school. Please ensure that your child's reading is recorded in their reading record books and signed by you and that they are sent in to school at least once a week. Children are able to change their books as often as they would like.

Educational visits and outdoor learning

Any details about trips or visits will be sent via Parentmail.