

Literacy

This half term our work will be based around the theme of a 'losing' tale.

We will cover the following:

- Narrative- writing our own 'losing' stories based on our class text- 'Lost Property'
- Explanation texts- understanding the features of explanations will help the children design their own machine which prevents things from getting lost.
- Persuasion- children will explore the features, language and paragraph organisation of persuasive texts before writing their own persuasive letter.



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Numeracy

We will be looking at statistics. This will involve representing data in graphs and tables and collecting information from these. We will also be learning about shape, with a focus on comparing and classifying shapes, identifying acute and obtuse angles, and identifying lines of symmetry in 2D shapes. We will also look at position and direction. This will include describing positions on a grid, describing movement between positions and plotting points to draw polygons. We will continue to work daily on our times tables with a focus on recalling these facts with speed and accuracy.

Reading

Within class and during our literacy lessons we will be reading 'The Lorax' by Dr Seuss

In addition, reading sessions and activities will take place weekly.

The children will also continue to read one or two books weekly from the ORT/ Project X schemes.

Spelling

We will continue covering spelling patterns during our basic skills lessons and handwriting practice. We will begin by studying patterns including: -ous, -ious, -ly, -al, -ure and include KS2 high frequency words.

Grammar and Punctuation

Spelling, grammar and punctuation will be covered during our weekly basic skills lessons, linked to our literacy work/topic. We will be looking at speech and extending this to include more detail to help tell the story. We will also focus on using fronted adverbials and punctuating these correctly.

R.E.

As a Catholic school we follow the diocesan scheme of work, 'Come and See'.

Topics this term include:

Universal Church- God's People.
Studying ordinary people who do extraordinary things, The Communion of Saints and looking at the lives of Martin Luther King and Oscar Romero.

Science

This term the children will complete a unit of work about **Living things and their Habitats**.

During this topic, children will find out about classification keys and food chains. We will also explore and recognise that environments can change due to human activity and this can sometimes pose dangers to living things.

Humanities

Our 'Riotous Royalty' topic will investigate William the Conqueror's reign from 1066 onwards, how King John made himself very unpopular as monarch and why King Henry VIII married so many times. We will also explore who Queen Anne was, what Queen Victoria achieved during her reign and look at the role of the British monarchy today.

French

Unit 7- Moi et mon ecole

Children will study timetables, time and French school subjects this term, they will respond to simple classroom commands; use spoken French to meet and greet others and learn about the French school day; begin to recognise, read and pronounce set phrases about school subjects and preferences.



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Computing

We will begin this half term with an introduction to using presentation software. We will understand how to create presentations and use our basic skills to create a presentation about God's People, to help meet objectives within RE.

Extra Curricular Opportunities

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

Art/DT

During this half term we will continue our cross curricular links with science and our value: Stewardship of Creation by creating recycled art work. Linking with our literacy work, the children will design, create and finally produce an explanation on how to use a machine which prevents things getting lost.

Useful websites

Science-<http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/42810179>

History-http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/famouspeople/elizabeth_ii/

P.E.

This term we will be teaching the skills needed in athletics. Both indoor and outdoor PE lessons will focus on coordination, running techniques and throwing and jumping skills. We will put these skills to good use in our future sporting events. Rounders will also be taught and we will practise our skills during our lessons.

PSHCE

We are covering the topic of 'Looking after the Wider World' The children will talk and write about their opinions, and explain their views on issues that affect themselves and society concerning plastic pollution.

Homework

1 piece of maths or English homework will be sent home on a Friday to be returned the following Wednesday. Children should also continue to read at home as often as possible.

Educational visits and outdoor learning

Details of any visits that may be planned will be sent out when necessary.