

Spring 2019

St. Bernadette's News

*I hope you had a great Christmas and
a Happy New year!*



Literacy

We start the term with a focus on 'story settings'.

This topic will last approximately 3 weeks.

Please take every opportunity to read or share stories with a range of different settings that your child may be able to discuss in class.

After this, pupils will have lots of different writing opportunities through poetry and a book week.

Later on in the term, the children will be introduced to the topic of 'Persuasive Writing', in which they will

be able to put forward different points of view based on a given topic.

They will have the chance to plan and write arguments in order to 'persuade' their audience.



RE

Within RE lessons we will be reflecting on ways we can listen to God's word, and how we can learn through messages given in parables from the Bible. Later on in the term, the focus will move onto Lent and prayer.



Maths

The children will continue to work from the Maths No Problem scheme and remain in their own classes.

Any homework will be on MyMaths or sent via a PDF on MarvellousMe. PDF homework may contain a question from Maths No Problem that requires more practice.

Science

This half term we will be looking at Forces and Magnets. There will be plenty of opportunities in this first topic for the children to practically investigate and develop ideas related to the everyday use of forces and magnets.

Forces:

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zvpp34j>

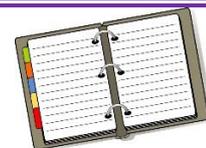
Magnets:

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zytttyrd>

In the second part of the term, we will be looking at States of Matter. The children will explore solids, liquids and gases and how they are formed.

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<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zkgg87h>



Assembly

Our class assembly will take place on Friday 5th April 2019.

Art

'Journeys' – The children will have an opportunity to develop their skills in exploring abstract art, maps and aerial photographs. The children will take influence from Aboriginal artwork to represent their journeys and will have the opportunity to use a range of art materials to create their final pieces.

Foundation

This term in Geography, our topic is 'Britain on a map'.

The children will learn all about British heritage, farming and industry.



Reading

Please encourage your child to read on a daily basis – Any comments or queries can be written into your child's diary. Alternatively, please do not hesitate to speak to me about any concerns or questions you may have.

DT

Our new topic is 'torches'. We will be exploring a range of commercially available lights (e.g. headlamps, lamps, torches, camp lights) in order to learn about the materials they are made from and how they are designed to meet the needs of the customer.

Furthermore, the children will learn about simple electrical circuits and how to construct them. All of this knowledge will then be used by the children to design and make a torch of their own.

P.E

We continue to have our indoor P.E session on a **Friday**. However, Year 4 will be swimming this term, starting from the second week of term (16th January). Please ensure all children have their swimming kit as it is part of the National Curriculum.



Year 3 children will stay in school on **Wednesday** afternoons. Some will begin preparation lessons with Mrs Bond for their first Holy Communion. Those not planning to receive their first Communion this year will continue with usual RE lessons.