

St. Bernadette's

News

Spring 2020



Literacy

We start the term with a focus on basic punctuation and grammar. By week 3, the children will move into our topic of 'story settings'.

After this, pupils will have lots of other 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

We start our term with our topic of the Annunciation and the moment Jesus is born to Mary.

Our focus after this will be to examine the Life of Christ, Lent and Holy Week.

During our RE session we also allocate time for a whole class prayer focus and reflection.



Maths

The children will continue to learn from our 'Maths No Problem' scheme.

Any homework for this subject will still be set on paper or the website mymaths.co.uk.

Please also encourage your child to access <https://trockstars.com/> (Times table rockstars) whenever possible and practise.

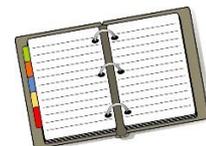
Science

Our focus this half term is on 'Electricity'. This will include practical skills, constructing circuits and being able to draw a circuit. The children will also experiment with materials that conduct electricity and look at how to stay safe around electricity.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/physical_processes/electrical_circuits/read/1/

After half term, we will be looking at the topic of 'Sound'. This will include investigating how we hear sound, the structure of the human ear and how to change sounds (by pitch or volume).

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zgffr82>



Assembly

Our class assembly will take place on Friday 27th March 2020.

Art

This term we will be looking at 'Viewpoints'. This will mean looking at how artists interpret life, dreams and nature in different ways. It will allow the children to use different media to illustrate their own views and ideas.

The mediums used will include paint, paint with different textures added, collage and montage.



DT

During our DT lessons, we will be designing and constructing a picture frame. At the start of this topic, we would appreciate some frames for the children to examine and share with each other.

We will be looking at the materials they're made from, how they are built and the different ways they stand or hang.



Foundation

Our foundation subject this term is a history topic. We are going to be looking at the Romans. We will be investigating how life in Britain changed after the invasion and examining what life was like for the rich and poor.

Children can also look forward to learning about how and why the Romans conquered the Celts.



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.

P.E

We will continue to have our class indoor P.E session on a **Friday**. However, Year 4 will be swimming this term (Wednesdays), hopefully starting from the second week of term (we will be sending out a letter to let you know the details). 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.