



Curriculum Newsletter for St Bernadette's Class

Half Term 1 2020-2021

Dear parents/carers,

We hope you've had an enjoyable summer break with your children and are as excited as we are to have them back in school! It's been a lovely start to the term and we have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know each and every one of your children this past week. The children have been in high spirits and have adapted exceptionally well into their new class and routines. We are so excited for the term ahead and look forward to working alongside you and your family.

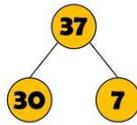
Transition from Early Years into Key Stage 1 can be an incredibly daunting process for you and your little ones but rest assured we will do everything possible to ensure they have a happy and enjoyable start to a fun-filled year in St Bernadette's. Below is an outline of what we will be covering in class and some suggestions of how you can help with your children's learning at home. If you have any questions or concerns please let one of us know or alternatively, you can contact the school office.

Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation,
Mrs Ali, Mrs Robinson & Mrs Hall

Maths

Numbers

We will be building confidence with numbers up to 10 and up to 100. Y2 will be thinking about place value, using place value cards and part-whole diagrams. We will also be counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, with Y2 beginning to count in 3s. Y1 will be practising reading and writing numbers to 10 and Y2 will continue to read and write larger numbers.



Signs

Children will build a deeper understanding of the signs for less than, more than and equals as well as being able to calculate missing numbers. E.g. $2 + ? = 5$. They will be building awareness that $=$ can be used in different places.

Addition and subtraction

The children will be using a range of different ways to represent and use number bonds and related subtraction facts within 20 and 100.

Throughout the maths curriculum the children will be using different models and representations. They will be using practical objects to support the deepening of their understanding and we will be working on their ability to solve problems and apply reasoning strategies, they will be working on answering 'why' or 'how' an answer was reached.

English

This half term the children will be working on consistently punctuating their sentences. Y1 children will be focusing on capital letters and full stops and Y2 children using exclamation marks and question marks correctly. The children will be using a range of conjunctions to make their sentences longer and begin editing their work to improve what they have done.



We will be looking at features of non-fiction texts and writing out own reports.

Children will be developing their reading skills through guided reading sessions every week with a teacher.

Children will also be joining their year group for Phonics teaching.

From now on we will follow a timetable for changing books. Some children will have their books changed on Monday and Thursday, and the others will be changed on Tuesday and Friday. However it is important that children bring their books in every day so that they can read to adults when it is their turn.

RE

Our Year 1 topic for this term is "God's Great Plan"

- To know that God created the world.
- To understand that He created us to love other people.
- To understand that we can make good or bad choices.
- To know that God made a promise to Noah



PE

In PE this term we will be learning about travelling in a range of ways.

The children will be doing PE led by Mr Gibson. The sessions may be inside our school hall or outside depending on the nature of the lesson and the weather. Throughout the term the children will also be working on their balance, agility and co-ordination.

Our Year 2 topic for this term is, "Chosen People"



- To know that we are chosen by God.
- To know about the stories of Abraham, Moses and Daniel.
- To understand what we can learn from the stories of Abraham, Moses and Daniel.
- To explore how we can be more like important figures from these stories.

Curriculum- Our topics for this term will be: Childhood

This half term

History: We will be looking at the stages of human life and looking at the history of their own lives and childhood. We will then move on to looking at the 1950's and thinking about how life today compares to life then focusing on childhood in the 1950's

Computing: We will begin to log on and use technology, getting used to a mouse pad and typing. We will also be thinking about internet safety.

Art & DT: In our art we will be focusing on looking at colour mixing, initially beginning with the primary colours. We will be comparing pieces of art work and look closely at the work of Kandinsky.

Music: We will be focusing on feeling the pulse and rhythm in different pieces of music. We will be singing along with a piece of music and preparing a simple performance.

Science: Our topic is 'Humans'. In this topic we will be covering the importance of hygiene and exercise we will then move on to looking at what humans need for survival.



Homework

We will let you know about homework in the next few weeks. For now, we kindly ask that you read with your children and assist in their handwriting and letter formation.



To help your child at home, you could:

- Listen to them reading their school book and other books.
- Support with their homework.
- Practice counting in 2, 5 and 10. Year 2 can also begin to count in 3s.
- Talk to your children about your own childhood and your parents' childhood. Encourage them to use language like a long time ago, recently, in the past, in the present, last year, last month.



Can we kindly request that on the week commencing 20th September that the children could bring in some photographs of them as a baby, toddler and as a child for us to compare and sequence.