



Curriculum Newsletter for St Bernadette's Class

Half Term 2 2020-2021

Dear parents/carers,

We hope you've had an enjoyable break with your children and are as excited as we are to have them back in school! A quick thank you for your cooperation and support this last half term. It's been an absolute pleasure watching your children thrive and heart-warming to see how much progress each of them have made since September. The children have been incredibly enthusiastic and happy in their new class and have adapted exceptionally well to the demands and routines of a more formal setting. We are so excited for the term ahead and look forward to continue working alongside you and your family.

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.

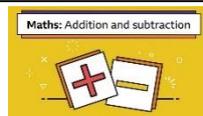
Thank you again for your support and cooperation,

Mrs Ali, Mrs Robinson & Mrs Hall

Maths

Y1: Addition and Subtraction

- Addition and subtraction within 10
- Counting on and counting back
- One less, one more
- Numbers to 20
- Comparing and ordering objects
- Writing numbers to 20
- Addition within 20
- Subtraction within 20
- Solving word problems



English

This half term we will continue with our work on punctuation. Y1 children will be focusing on capital letters and full stops and Y2 children using commas, exclamation marks and question marks correctly. The children will be using a range of conjunctions to make their sentences longer and edit their work to improve what they have done.



We will continue with story writing and non-chronological reports.

We will also be looking at some festive poetry and sharing our thoughts and opinions on them. We will be performing some poems thinking about instruments, volume, pace and intonation before writing our own poems using our sense.

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

Children will be joining their year group for Phonics teaching.

The timetable for changing books will remain the same. Some children will have their books changed on Monday and Thursday, and the others will be changed on Tuesday and Friday. However, please ensure children bring their books in every day so that they can read to adults when it is their turn.

Y2: Addition and subtraction

- Adding 2-digit numbers
- Subtracting a 2-digit number from another 2-digit number
- Adding three 1-digit numbers

Money

- Counting coins and notes
- Showing equal amounts of money
- Comparing amounts of money
- Finding change

Statistics

- Tally charts, pictograms and bar models
- Interpreting data

RE

Our Year 1 topic for this term is, " **Mary Our Mother**"



- To know that God chose Mary to be the mother of his son
- To understand that Jesus' birth is a religious story
- To know that Mary is our mother too

PE

PE this half term will be **every Wednesday** and **every Thursday**.

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

Our Year 2 topic for this term is, **“The Mystery of God”**

- To know what is meant by mysteries
- To understand what the Holy Trinity represents
- To understand the meaning of Advent
- To explore the events of the Christmas story



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.

Curriculum- We will be continuing with our ‘Childhood’ topic This half term

History: We will be looking at important events in our own lives and ones that are beyond living memory e.g. The Queen’s coronation. How families are structured using family trees and reflect on whether childhood was more enjoyable/better in the 1950s or the present day.

Geography: We will be looking at how geographical features have changed over time and then apply what we have learned to our own surroundings. We will recognise and discuss how places/areas in Ilkley have changed over time.

Computing: We will become familiar logging on to and using technology. We will be getting used to a mouse pad and typing, specifically using the space bar and delete button. We will also be thinking about internet safety.

Art & DT: In our art we will be focusing on self-portraits, initially beginning with facial features. We will be comparing pieces of art work from a range of artists, looking at colour, shape and technique before creating our own self-portraits.

Music: We will be focusing on appraising different pieces of music. We will be singing along with a piece of festive music and preparing a simple performance using instruments.

Science: Our topic is ‘Materials’. In this topic we will be looking at the different types of materials, their properties and uses and determine which is the most appropriate for a specific purpose through investigations and experiments.



Homework

Your children will have a set of spelling words stuck in to their reading journal every week. These are the words we will be looking at during our phonics sessions. Please can you practice spelling them with your child at home.



Can we kindly request that on the week commencing 22nd November that the children could bring in some photographs for us to create a family tree. Can children bring in photographs of:

- ***Paternal grandparents***
- ***Maternal grandparents***
- ***Mother***
- ***Father***
- ***Themselves***
- ***Siblings***

Please be aware that these photographs will be used for their work and therefore may need cutting etc. to be stuck on to their family trees. If there’s an issue sending in photographs, the children can always draw pictures instead.

To help your child at home, you could:

- Listen to them reading their school book and other books.
- Support with their spelling homework.
- Practice counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. Year 2 can also count in 3s.
- Look at ways to make 20 using addition and subtraction (Y1)
- Look at coins/notes and help children use them to pay for items e.g. when visiting the shops
- Talk to your children about family trees and how they come together. Share photographs of family members and encourage them to use language like a long time ago, recently, in the past, in the present, last year, last month.

