



## Curriculum Newsletter for St Bernadette's Class

### Half Term 6 2022

Dear parents/carers,

Warmest welcome to Half Term 6! We cannot believe how quickly the year has flown by but have loved watching your lovely children blossom into the most kind, hardworking and thoughtful individuals. We hope you have had a restful break and enjoyed the Jubilee celebrations. We have yet another busy half term ahead but it's the last stretch before summer!

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. As always, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation and support so far. The children have made tremendous progress throughout the year and your support at home, has made all of the difference. Should 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,

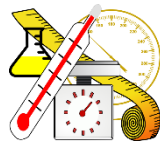
Mrs Ali, Mrs Robinson & Mrs Hall



### Maths

#### Y1: Length and Height

- Comparing lengths and heights
- Non-standard units of measure
- Measuring length using a ruler



#### Weight and Volume

- Comparing and measuring weight
- Comparing and measuring capacity

#### Money

- Recognising coins
- Recognising notes
- Counting with coins

#### Y2: Problem solving and efficient methods

- Using number facts and equivalence
- Using a 100-square
- Missing numbers
- Mental addition and subtraction
- Solving word problems using all four operations

#### Length and Height

- Measuring in centimetres and metres
- Comparing and ordering lengths

#### Weight, Volume and Temperature

- Comparing mass
- Measuring mass in grams and kilograms
- Comparing volume
- Measuring volume in millilitres and litres
- Measuring temperature using a thermometer
- Reading thermometers

### English

Punctuation and spelling will continue to be a priority this half term. Y1 children will continue to focus on capital letters and full stops and Y2 children using commas, exclamation marks and question marks correctly. The children will continue to use a range of coordinating and subordinating conjunctions to up level their sentences and edit their work to improve what they have done.



In order to encourage independent writing, our lessons will focus around our class novel George's Marvellous Medicine. During our lessons, children will be writing short narratives, character descriptions, diary entries and recipes. Children will be looking closely at success criteria in order to understand how to be successful in their writing and as a reference point, when editing to make improvements. They will then have opportunities to self and peer assess their work.

Children will continue to develop their reading skills through guided reading sessions every week with a teacher. Children will be asked various high order and low order questions to deepen their understanding and to stimulate thought and problem solving.

As always, 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.

## RE

Our Year 1 topic for this term is,

### " Miracles"

- To know that Jesus showed his great power when he calmed the wind and the waves and know that we can ask Jesus to help us when we are afraid
- To explore the motives for actions and how compassion motivates many people to act for the good of others
- To know that Jesus showed his love for sick people when he cured a man who was paralysed
- To understand that Jesus has great love for all people who are sick today
- To know that Jesus responded to the faith of the blind man with compassion and think of ways that we can trust Jesus in situations of need

Our Year 2 topic for this term is, "**The First Christians**"

- To know how the Holy Spirit helped the Apostles
- To know that we can help spread the good news
- To know about the first Christians and think of ways we can be like them
- To know that the apostles realised that God could work through them
- To know how Jesus was able to help Peter and John
- To be aware that we can trust Jesus to help us
- To recall that the Holy Spirit was able to help the Apostles and be aware that the Holy Spirit helps us
- To know about Peter's escape from prison and reflect on what we can learn from it



## PE

PE this half term will occur twice a week, **every Wednesday and Friday.**



The children will be participating in Invasion games as well as striking and fielding. Please can your children come to school dressed in trainers and their PE kits. Please can you remember to send your child in with a water bottle.

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.

### **Creative Curriculum - Our topic Movers and Shakers will be carried over into this half term**

**History:** The children will be looking at significant people in history and learn about their accomplishments and the impact they have had on the world. In particular, we will be paying close attention to significant explorers and activists. The children will discuss answers to questions like 'How exploration has changed over time?' What are the similarities between the causes that all these activists fought for? The children will also be looking at dates and periods of time and look at when in history they achieved their accomplishments.

**Geography:** The children will look at maps when researching about explorers like Christopher Columbus and consider where in the world different activists fought for justice and equality.

**Computing:** The children will be exploring interactive digital maps and Google Earth, research significant people, use Book Creator to create presentations about significant people and use devices to take photographs during role-play activities linked to RE and Bible stories.

**Art & DT:** In our art lessons children will be printing. The children will explore a range of artists and consider colour, composition and subject matter before creating their own piece of art, using a range of tools and materials.

**Music:** The children will take a look back on the different types of music covered this year, comparing and appraising them in groups. They will be singing along with their favourite songs and prepare simple group performances using instruments.

**Science:** In our Science lessons this half term the children will be investigating and observing bulbs and seeds. The children will also discuss what is needed for a plant to grow and stay healthy.

### Homework

Your children will have a set of words stuck in to their reading journal every week. We will have **weekly spelling tests** that will take place every Friday. Please can you practice spelling them with your child at home. Additional homework will be posted weekly on Google Classroom. This is **optional**. You will find your child's log in details on the front cover of their red reading record book.



### To help your child at home, you could:

- Listen to them reading their school book and other books and write a note in their reading journal.
- Support with their spelling/phonics homework.
- Dictating sentences that include spellings learnt from previous weeks so that they get into the habit of using the correct spellings in their writing, not just for the tests
- Y1: Recognising coins and notes
- Y2: learning about measurement practically e.g. through baking
- Y2: support learning 2s, 5s and 10 times tables from memory, in any order

