



St Bernadette's Class

Dear Parents and Careers,

Welcome to Year 4. I hope you have all had a wonderful summer break. We have lots of exciting learning experiences planned for the children this term, and I am looking forward to supporting them as they continue their learning journey. Below, I have outlined some of the learning and experiences your child will enjoy during the Autumn Term.



Writing:

We will begin the term by revisiting key grammar and punctuation skills through our Place Value of Punctuation and Grammar (PVPG) unit. This will help the children build confidence in sentence structure and develop their ability to write clear, cohesive paragraphs. We will focus on common and proper nouns, verbs and subjects. We will then apply these skills when writing a non-chronological report, learning how to organise information clearly and effectively for the reader. Later in the term, we will immerse ourselves in two wonderful texts, *The Comet* by Joe Todd-Stanton and *The Pebble in My Pocket: A History of Our Earth* by Meredith Hooper. These texts will link closely with our humanities learning and inspire a range of exciting writing opportunities.

Reading:

All children will be provided with a reading book, as well as a Reading for Pleasure book. Please support your child by listening to them read regularly at home and encouraging a love of reading. We will continue with our daily reading workshops, where every child will read regularly with their teacher and complete reading activities that develop comprehension and understanding skills.

Religious Education

This term, our overarching theme in Religious Education is the Eucharist. The children will begin by deepening their understanding of Creation, exploring humanity's responsibility to care for the world God has given us. They will learn why Catholics give thanks for the fruits of the Earth during the Offertory at Mass and develop their understanding of the celebration of the Eucharist.

As the term progresses, the children will explore what happens at Mass, making links with Scripture, including the feeding of the five thousand and the Last Supper. They will also encounter different literary forms as they study parables and the Gospel of St Matthew, learning about the signs of God's Kingdom revealed through this Gospel.

The children will be introduced to the mystery of the Trinity and will also learn about how Jewish families celebrate Passover today, alongside some key beliefs and practices within Islam. Through these studies, they will continue to grow in their understanding of faith, respect and the diverse beliefs of others.



Mathematics

This Autumn Term, the children will embark on an exciting journey through mathematics. We will begin by developing their understanding of number through counting in hundreds, tens, ones, fifties, twenty-fives and thousands. The children will explore place value and learn to read, represent, compare and order numbers using thousands, hundreds, tens and ones. They will also identify number patterns and develop their understanding of rounding 4-digit numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000.

Later in the term, we will focus on addition and subtraction. The children will build confidence with number facts, find sums and differences, and practise adding and subtracting ones, tens and hundreds. They will learn a range of mental and written strategies and apply these when solving problems and reasoning mathematically.

Throughout the term, we will use concrete, pictorial and abstract representations to deepen understanding and encourage the children to explain their thinking with confidence.

Children should also practise regularly on Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS), which helps to develop fluency and confidence with multiplication and division facts in a fun and engaging way.

Science

In Science this term, the children will explore the fascinating topics of Forces and Magnets and States of Matter. Through a range of practical investigations, they will discover how forces can make objects move, change direction or shape. They will investigate pushes, pulls and friction, as well as exploring how magnets attract and repel and which materials are magnetic.

Later in the term, the children will learn about solids, liquids and gases and investigate how materials change state through processes such as melting, freezing and evaporation. They will develop their scientific enquiry skills by making predictions, carrying out fair tests and recording their findings using scientific vocabulary. We look forward to an exciting term filled with curiosity, discovery and hands-on learning!

Humanities

This term, the children will travel back in time to explore life in the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. They will investigate how people lived, worked and survived, using a range of historical sources to discover how life changed over time. The children will compare these periods and use evidence to explain which they think would have been the most interesting time to live.

In Geography, we will turn our attention to Antarctica. The children will use maps to locate the continent and explore its unique climate, wildlife and physical features. They will also learn about the people who live and work there and consider how humans interact with this remarkable environment.

Spanish

In Spanish, the children will begin by exploring Spain and revisiting key vocabulary and phrases. They will learn how to introduce themselves and others, recognise familiar words and phrases, and grow in confidence when speaking and listening.

Later in the term, the children will explore shapes and colours in Spanish, developing their vocabulary and using it in simple sentences. Through a range of speaking, listening and practical activities, they will continue to develop their confidence and enjoyment of learning a new language.

PSHE

In PSHE, the children will begin by learning about the importance of staying safe online and how to make responsible choices when using technology. They will also explore and celebrate the similarities and differences that make each of us unique, developing respect and understanding for others.

Throughout the term, the children will learn about looking after their physical and emotional wellbeing, helping them to make healthy choices and understand the importance of caring for themselves and those around them.

Reading Books

In order to support your child with their reading, read as often as possible and ask them to summarise what they have read. Please sign and date their reading log. Thank you.

Times Tables

Children should be going onto TTRS regularly to develop their speed and fluency. This will positively impact their mathematical understanding and prepare them for the MTC in Year 4.

EdShed

To help your child develop their spelling knowledge, they must be logging in to EdShed weekly.

Snack Time

Please ensure you provide your child with a healthy snack for their break and that they have a water bottle to stay hydrated.

School Uniform

Ensure all items are labeled with names, it makes it easier to locate and return misplaced items.



Tissues- We would be so grateful if you could help us by donating one box of tissues to help us get through our winter colds.

Pick up system

Please ensure you provide a password to the office and inform any adults who pick up your child of the password.

Please ensure your child is collected at 3.20pm. Please contact the school office if you are going to be later than this time.

I hope that you have found this newsletter helpful. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to me at the end of the day. Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Johnson