



Year 3 and 4 Autumn Newsletter 2018



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Some more important notices...

Religion

We will follow the Come and See programme throughout the year and begin by looking at the theme of learning about the home and family of God and the Church, as well as our own families and their meaning to us.

Year 3 will be working towards the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Please see separate letter regarding dates of meeting.

First meeting 30th September 12.30 in our school hall.

Maths

We will be learning about place value and developing our knowledge of multiplication, addition and subtraction.

Parents can help by providing opportunities for real life problem solving. For example money, time and measure.

Year 3 children need to know 3,4 and 8's.

Year 4 children need to know all up to 12.

We will practice in school but in order to be fluent they should practice whenever possible.

English

Much of our English this term will be based on *The Hagstone* by David Oakden.

We will use the book to incorporate drama, improve our reading skills, explore characters, write diary entries, create missing posters, study the different types of language and grammar used so that we can write our very own Tudor adventure story.

Staffing

Year 3– Mrs Morton, Mrs Duffin and Mrs Brackett

Year 3/4– Mrs Moynihan and Miss Cawdrey

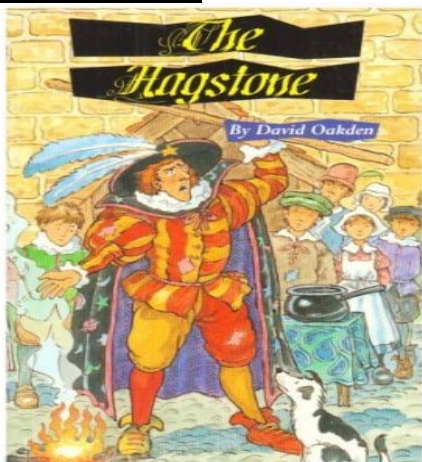
Year 4 - Miss Kerr, Miss Turner and Mr. Marley

Year 3 and 4 Spelling and Times tables tests will take place on Fridays.

Please follow us at @Stbernadettesrc for regular updates and photo's of your children. Don't forget to like our tweets!

We do not have a water fountain in key stage 2 so recommend that your child has a water bottle in school. Please ensure that their name is on the bottle. Studies show that water helps with concentration.

Children will have a guided reading session every week.



Reading Books

Reading books will be changed on a set day each week. Please sign your child's journal daily so that we know she/he has read. We recommend that the children read every night for 15 minutes. We encourage your child to read aloud and discuss the meaning of any unfamiliar words.

We need your help! Do you have any of this items that we could have as part of our science topic. old small plastic plant pots, wooden or cardboard tubes - all sizes - Hollow bamboo canes or toilet roll tubes corrugated cardboard, straw, wood chips, old roof tiles, old pots, bricks (those with holes through them), old logs, pine cones or roofing felt.





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This term we will be exploring 'Living things and their habitats'. The children will be identifying the characteristics of a living thing, classifying and grouping a wide selection of living things, such as animals and plants.

We will be investigating plants and animals in the local and wider environment and recreating our own habitats for a variety of wild animals.

The children will research how the environments can change and how this poses a treat to habitats.

We love outdoor learning and we cant wait to build our very own bug hotel
See our wish list for any contributions overleaf:

Topic

We will be learning about the important historical period of the The Tudors. The children will be:

Learning about Tudor portraiture and creating their own portrait. .

Exploring why Henry VIII married 6 times and what happened to his wives!

Finding out the differences between the lives of the rich and poor during the Tudor times.

Learning about Tudor crimes and their gruesome punishments.

Discovering the significance of a royal heir in securing the power of a monarchy.

P.E

P.E. lessons will take place every Tuesday and Thursday. The theme this term is health and fitness.

Please ensure children have full P.E. kit in school at all times and that all jewelry is removed.

P.E. kit is a St. Bernadette's blue t shirt, blue shorts and black pumps. Tracksuit bottoms are suitable for the winter months.

Please ensure that all uniform is clearly labelled.

Class Assemblies

Each class will be performing a class assembly, we hope that you are able to join us.

Year 3 - 13th June

Year 3/4 -13 December

Year 4- 2nd May

A letter will sent home nearer the time.

Computing

Mrs Scully will be taking the children for computing. The children will continue to develop their awareness of E-safety and learn all about how to stay safe online. They will begin to learn and build upon their programming and coding skills, by creating their own animations using Scratch.

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Music

Mrs Flemming will continue to teach music every Tuesday.

This term we will be going back in time to explore, the church and a palace from Tudor times.

We will experiment



Homework

Homework will be set every Friday to be handed in the following Wednesday. Homework tasks will usually include spellings, reading book, times table practice and a task.

