

Class 3 Year 1 Newsletter

Spring 2024



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Maths

This term the children will work on:



Number Recognition and ordering - Children will be working on ordering and recognising numbers to 50, counting on and back from a given number. We will be breaking numbers into tens and ones, and recognising pictorial representations of numbers to 50.



Addition and Subtraction - We will be consolidating the addition and subtractions facts last term, such as number bonds to 10, then looking at number bonds 20, and solving number problems.

Shape, Space and Measure - We will explore 2D and 3D shapes and their properties, time and measure, position and direction.

R.E

This term in RE we will be looking at the topics:

Books - We will be learning about the importance of the Gospel and the four Gospel writing, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Thanksgiving - Children will be finding out about the story of 'The Last Supper' and about the special meal we share during Mass.

Opportunities - As we move towards Easter, during the period of Lent, children will learn how the world we live in is always changing. We will start the topic by thinking of how much we have changed and grown. We will be linking or work to 'The Easter Story' towards the end of the term.



English

This term the children will be developing their skills as independent writers. We will be working very hard on ensuring our handwriting is the best it can be and remember to keep our letters to the correct size. Children will continue to work on punctuating sentences using a capital letter, fingers spaces and a full stop. We will be starting our term by looking at Fairy Tale stories, such as Cinderella, and will be innovating the stories by changing their ending. We will then move on to reading information texts, such as 'Little People, Big Dreams', focusing on the people in our History Topic; Mary Anning and Marie Curie. We will use the information we have learnt to write a biography and newspaper articles.

Phonics

We will continue with our phonics this term. Year 1 will continue to build their code knowledge as they go through the Sounds Write Extended Code. Our Year 1's will be working towards the 'Phonics Screening' in June and will be practicing segmenting and blending real and pretend words.

Reading Books

The children are encouraged to read at home for at least 20 minutes every night. Please support your child in completing their new reading record each night by signing that they have read. The children are encouraged to talk about their books and make a response to the book, before moving onto their next book.

Year 1 Spellings

Encourage your child to practise their spellings daily during the week.



Geography— Where I Live

During the first half term, we will be learning about where we live. We will begin by locating where we live and identifying what we can see in our local area. We will then compare where we live to Brazil. The children will locate where they live compared to Brazil, and will compare the weather and the schools.

History – Women in History

In the second half term we will be studying the life of George Stephenson and why he was significant to our local area. We learn what his life was like and how his inventions impacted the area, the country and even the world!



Science

Magnets and Forces – During this topic, we will explore different ways objects move and how the size of the force used can affect the speed an object moves. We will also carry out investigations to find out whether objects float or sink.

Plants - Becoming familiar with different types of plants, their structure and reproduction. We will conduct observational investigations to see how plants grow.

Other Curriculum Areas:

PE: For PE, we will be focusing on gymnastics in the first half term, then building on our fundamental skills, such as Running, jumping, coordination, throwing, catching and Striking.

Music: In music we will be looking at dynamics and tempo based on animals, and pitch based on superheroes.

Computing: We will use Purple Mash for Computing and continue to develop our computing skills.

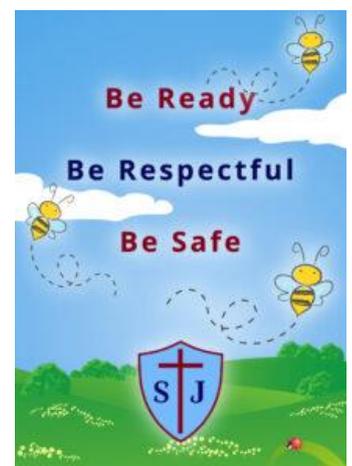
MFL: We will have weekly Spanish lessons where we will learn simple words and phrases, and how to count to 10.

Art & DT: during Art and DT, we will explore the work of Andy Warhol, as well as doing some seaside art. We will also be making a starter course in food technology.

Polite Reminders

Children need to bring their reading records, reading books and spelling books into school every day. Please continue to encourage your child to read daily and sign their records with any comments of praise and areas for development.

Class 3 need to wear their PE kit on **Tuesdays** – this should be a plain navy-blue tracksuit/shorts with a plain white t-shirt. Long hair should be tied up with bobbles and hair bands that are the school colours. Short hair should not be extremely short and hair gel/spray is not permitted. For more information regarding school uniform and PE kits, please visit: [School Uniform – St Joseph's Catholic Academy Norton \(bhcet.org.uk\)](http://School Uniform – St Joseph's Catholic Academy Norton (bhcet.org.uk))



If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office to arrange a telephone call.

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