



# Class 4 Newsletter

## Spring 2024

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### Maths

**Number & Place Value** – We will begin the term by recapping place value and partitioning numbers so we have a good understanding of tens and ones.

**Addition & Subtraction** – We will then use the skills we have learnt to answer addition and subtraction facts and learn to solve number problems. We will use different strategies, such as counters and blocks, to add and subtract two-digit numbers.



**Multiplication and Division** – We will continue to practise our recall of our times tables and use this knowledge to solve problems.

**Mass and Capacity** – We will learn to measure mass in g and kg and capacity in ml and l.

### Year 2 - Times Table Rock Stars TTRS

Your child has their own TTRS account which they can use to practise their times tables.

TTRS: [Times Tables Rock Stars \(trockstars.com\)](https://www.trockstars.com)



### 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 writers, 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, and how Lent is an opportunity for us to change to be more like Jesus. We will be linking or work to 'The Easter Story' towards the end of the term. RSE In RSE we will be learning how we are created to love others and thinking about how we can be a good friend to others.



**English:** Our main focus this term will be consolidating our sentence writing skills, where we will concentrate on the use of capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We will also be focusing on handwriting and we will learn about different sentence types. The children will explore a range of genres, including story writing, newspaper reports and biographies linked to a wide variety of books, such as 'The Gingerbread Man' and 'The Smartest Giant in Town'.

**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 practising segmenting and blending real and pretend words. Year 2 will continue to develop their knowledge of the Extended Code.

**Spellings:** Your child will be given weekly spellings which they can practise at home using the look, write check method. It is also useful to apply their spellings to sentences.

**Reading:** The children are encouraged to read at home for at least 20 minutes every night and talk about the books they have read. Please support your child with completing their reading record.

Year 2 children will begin to use MyOn & Renaissance this year. They will be given a login and will be allocated books that match their reading ability. Once they have completed a book, they can then complete the comprehension quiz and gain points! We use MyOn in addition to the reading books they are allocated in school.

MyOn: <https://www.myon.co.uk/login/index.html>

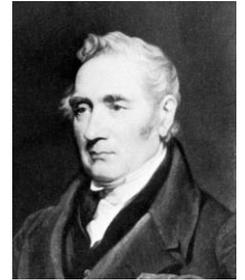
Renaissance: <https://ukhosted35.renlearn.co.uk/6709574/default.aspx>

### 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 – Woman 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 – Year 1: 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.

**Science – Year 2: Living Things and Their Habitats** - During this topic, we will explore different habitats that can be found around the world, including microhabitats that are around the school grounds. We will also learn about a significant person; Jane Goodall and we will write a biography about her achievements. The, after the half term we will learn all about plants.



*The Learn It, Link It topic nformation sheet can be found in your child's homework book.*



### Other Curriculum Areas:

**PE:** For PE, we will be focusing on gymnastics in the first half term and fundamentals in the second half of the term.

**Music:** Our music lessons will explore

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

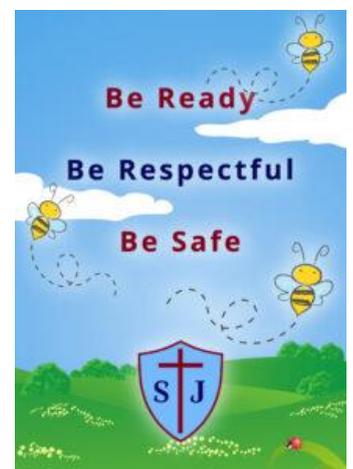
**MFL:** We will have weekly Spanish lessons where we will learn simple words and phrases, and how to count to 10.

**Art & DT:** During Art and DT, we will explore a range of techniques such as: printing, collaging and drawing. The children will research the artist Orla Kiely and will experiment with print and collage to recreate her work. The children will also use their knowledge of the human features of a town to design and build their own small town.

### 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 4 need to wear their PE kit on Tuesdays – this should be a plain navy-blue tracksuit/shorts with a plain white t-shirt. Girl's hair should be tied up with bobbles and hair bands that are the school colours. Boys 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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