

Class 4 Newsletter

Summer 2024

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Maths

Fractions – The children will learn to recognise and find a $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$.

Shapes – The children will learn to identify the number of faces, edges, vertices, and sides. They will also find and draw lines of symmetry on 2D shapes.

Place Value – The children will be able to compare objects and any 2 numbers.



Time – The children will consolidate previous learning on telling the time to the hour and half past and will learn to tell the time to 5 minutes.

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://trockstars.com)

R.E

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

Spread the Word – We will be learning about the importance of spreading Good News during Pentecost. We will also learn about The Holy Spirit and how Jesus went to live with his Father in heaven.

Rules – Children will be thinking about the importance of rules, both in school and at home. We will be thinking about how at Mass people give each other a Sign of Peace to show they follow Jesus' rule by wanting to be friends with one another.

Treasures - During this topic, we will explore why we are so special to God and think about the gifts he gives us. We will consider why the world is so special and think about how we can help to protect it. You may also want to discuss this with your child at home.

RSE

In RSE, we will be learning the different communities we are part of and how we can make a difference within these communities.

English: Our main focus this term will be consolidating our sentence writing and developing skills as independent writers. We will also be focusing on handwriting and we will continue to learn about different sentence types. The children will explore a range of genres, including stories, poems, diary entries and balanced arguments linked to a wide variety of books such as 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' and 'Greta and The Giants'.

Phonics: We will continue with our phonics this term. Year 1 will be preparing for their Phonics Screening Check and will be consolidating their learning of different spellings of the same sound (oa, oe, ow,) as well as the same sound with different spellings (/oe/ as in snow and /ow/ as in down). 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 term. 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>

History – George Stephenson

In the first half term, we will continue learning about the life of George Stephenson and why he is significant to our local area. We will also consolidate and expand on our learning with a trip to Locomotion.



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

Geography – Beside the Seaside

During the second half term, we will learn about seashores. We will begin by identifying seashores local to us. Then we will learn the human and physical features of a seaside, before exploring the impacts of pollution to our seashores.



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

Science – Year 1

Materials – The children will be exploring a range of different materials. We will be looking at why objects are made from certain materials and the properties of materials. Children will investigate the suitability of different materials for different purposes. Our final topic will be Seasonal Changes.

Science – Year 2

Uses of Everyday Materials - During this topic, we will discover what a material is and the different properties of each material. The children will also compare different materials and create Venn diagrams to group different materials together. Our final topic will be Light and Seeing.

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Other Curriculum Areas:

PE: For PE, we will be focusing on Striking and Fielding Games in the first half term and Athletics in the second half of the term.

Music: Our music lessons will explore 'British Songs and Sounds' and 'Myths and Legends'

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: In Art and DT, we will be focusing our lessons around the 'Take One Picture' project with London's National Art Gallery. This year the project is based around 'The Courtyard of a House in Delft' by Pieter de Hooch.

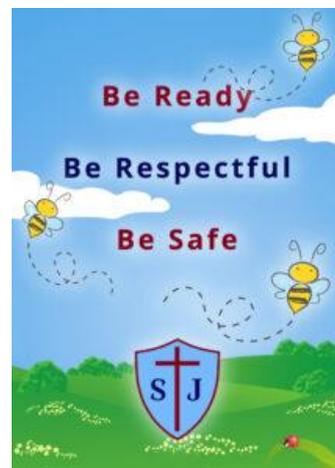
Polite Reminders

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**. Long hair should be tied up with bobbles and hair bands that are the school colours. Hair should not be extremely short and hair gel/spray is not permitted. No jewellery including earrings are allowed.

For more information regarding school uniform and PE kits, please visit:

[School Uniform – St Joseph's Catholic Academy Norton \(bhcet.org.uk\)](http://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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