

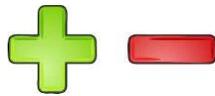
Class 5 Newsletter

Spring 2024

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Maths

Number and Place Value – we will begin the term by ordering and comparing numbers up to 100. We will then use our place value knowledge to learn to count in 3s.



Addition and Subtraction – During our addition and subtraction topic we will learn to add and subtract two 2-digit numbers across 10. We will use a range of concrete resources such as number lines, base-10 and blocks to assist our learning.

Multiplication and Division – we will be continuing to recall our times tables and using this knowledge to solve problems.

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 \(ttrockstars.com\)](https://www.ttrockstars.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 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, and how Lent is an opportunity for us to change to be more like Jesus. We will be linking our work to 'The Easter Story' towards the end of the term.

RSE

In RSE we will focus on feelings, how we feel and how others feel, and the importance of our privacy.

English

This term we will begin by looking at 'The Snail and The Whale' to create our own rhyming poems. We will be focusing on using descriptive skills such as expanded noun phrases, similes, rhyme and adverbs to create colourful descriptions in both poetry and storytelling. We will also be learning how to write leaflets for persuasion, newspapers and instruction to inform their readers. Our work will be linked to our work in Geography and History. Throughout the term we will continue to work very hard to ensure our handwriting is formed correctly, with our letters the correct and orientation.

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: – MyOn & Renaissance: Every child has a login for MyOn and Renaissance, where they have been 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 – Great Fire of London and Great Fire of Gateshead

In the topic of the Great Fire of London and Gateshead, we will be analysing historical sources to find out about the fires of London and Gateshead. We will then write a comparative argument about which fire was more devastating.

Science – Living Things and Their Habitats

During this topic of Living Things and Their Habitats, 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. After the half term we will focus our learning on plants.

Geography – Planet Earth

In our Geography topic this term, our class will be looking at our local geography and our place in the world. We will be learning about the continents and oceans of our planet. To end our topic, we will be discussing what climate is and what we can do to stop it.

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



Other Curriculum Areas:

PE: For PE, we will be focusing on gymnastics and how we can balance and move on apparatus.

Music: This term we will be expanding our musical vocabulary by exploring pulse, tempo and dynamics.

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: We will be practising our printing and collaging skills, looking at the works of Frida Kahlo as inspiration. In DT, we will be practising safe cutting and peeling techniques on soft foods.

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 5 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://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.

Mr Bover and Miss Walker