

Class 5 Newsletter

Summer 2024

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Maths

Measurement: Length & Height – Children will choose and use appropriate standard units to estimate and measure length and height in any direction, and they will compare and order lengths.

Measurement: Mass, Capacity & Temperature – The children will describe and measure mass, capacity and temperature. The children will also compare and order different mass and capacity.

Position & Direction – The children will learn to describe movement and turns.

Four Operations – We will continue to practise adding, subtracting, multiplication and division. We will use these skills to solve problems.



Times Table Rock Stars - TTRS

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

R.E

This term in RE we will be looking at the 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 learn about road safety, the communities we live in and looking after our mental health.

English

This term we will continue to develop our writing skills by exploring a range of genres such as persuasive letters, balanced arguments, diary entries and poetry. Our writing will be linked to texts such as The Flower, The Great Kapok Tree, Steve Goes to Carnival and Flat Stanley. Spellings will be practised daily through our phonics lessons and we will continue to practice our handwriting, learning to join neatly.

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

We are continuing our 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 – Use 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 Electricity where we will explore how to make a circuit that allows bulbs and buzzers to work!

Geography – Exploring the world

In our Geography topic this term, our class will be looking at global geography with a focus on Brazil and Australia. We will be comparing the climate and culture of Australia and Brazil to the UK. We will finish the topic by exploring how Brazil's climate is affected by the rainforest.

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 striking and fielding games. After the half-term we will be practising our skills for sports day.

Music: We are learning about music from the British Isles and composing music of our own in a group and then we will be introduced to graphic scores and structure within music.

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.

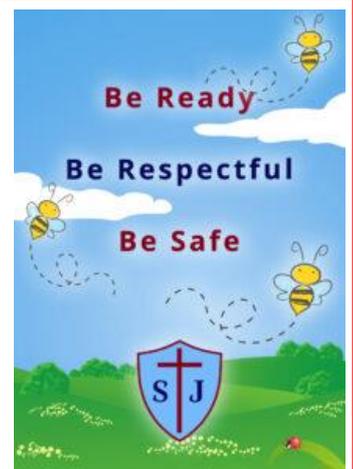
Art & DT: In Art and DT, we will be focusing our lessons around the 'Take One Picture' project with London's National Art Gallery. We will be creating our own pieces of art inspired by Pieter de Hooch's *The Courtyard of a House in Delft*.

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