

Class 9 Newsletter

Spring 2024



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Maths

This term there will be a strong focus on methods for multiplication and division. The children will be using formal methods to solve problems by multiplying or dividing. We will then move on to fractions, decimals and percentages and converting between these.



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

We will begin the Spring term by learning about 'Sources' within our Church community. We will explore how Christians use the Bible as a source of scripture and guidance. The children will then move onto the topic of 'Unity' during which we will be learning about relating to others through the Eucharist. We will then move onto our Lenten topic of 'Death and New Life,' where we will be exploring the resurrection of Jesus.

RSE

In RSE/PSHE lessons we will be learning about themes such as lifestyle choices, cyberbullying and forms of abuse.

English

Our first focus in English will be fantasy stories linked to the text, 'Clockwork.' We will be studying the features of this genre and using the features to develop our own writing skills. We will then focus on poetry as we will be studying the poem – 'I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud.'

This term we will continue to refine our writing in both fiction and non-fiction. Other genres we will cover include recounts, balanced argument, diary entry, newspaper report and adventure stories which we will link to a range of exciting books or topics.

There will continue to be a strong emphasis on accuracy in punctuation and use of correct grammar in all written work. It is also important that handwriting is well-formed and accurate which we will practise regularly. Please also find time to enjoy reading with your child at home and record this in your child's reading record.

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.

History – The Home Front

This unit aims to teach pupils about the problems of living on the British Home Front of WWII. Pupils will learn about the concept of 'Total War' fought in WWII by the Nazis and how this forced the whole British population to work together to defeat Hitler.

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

Science – Living things and their Habitats

The children will be learning how to explain life cycles of a mammal, amphibian, insect and bird and the differences between them. They will also use their prior knowledge of plants to explain the reproduction process.

Later in the term, we will also be looking at magnets, forces and materials.

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

Geography – Desert Biomes

In geography, Class 9 continue learning about Desert Biomes. They will study how plants, animals and people can adapt to living in such a hostile environment and will learn the factors that create a hot desert.

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

Other Curriculum Areas:

PE: The first half term focus will be on tennis and dance, and the second half term focus will be hockey and badminton. Class 9 PE will be on a Monday with Miss Kelly and on a Wednesday with Mr Gandy.

Music: In music, the children will focus music from south and West Africa and then Holi Festival.

Computing: We will use Purple Mash for Computing and we will begin with databases, games creator and modelling.

MFL: We will have weekly Spanish lessons where we will learn about personality and descriptions.

Art & DT: In Art we will be learning about printing and collage as well as designing our own toys.

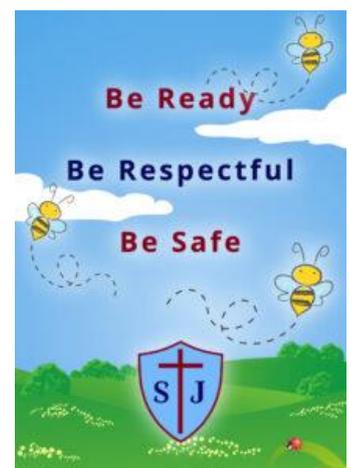
Polite Reminders

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 9 need to wear their PE kit on Mondays and Wednesdays – 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. Claw clips are not permitted. Boys hair should not be extremely short and hair gel/spray is not permitted. Socks should be navy blue and please remember to remove earrings/jewellery.

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.

Miss Kelly