



# Class 9 Newsletter

## Summer 2024

[Click here to see the St. Joseph's School Curriculum](#)

### Maths

This term we will begin by consolidating angles and the properties of shape. They will then move onto learning about place value and rounding numbers up to a million. Following this, we will be converting between and simplifying fractions, decimals and percentages.



### 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 Summer term by learning about the feast of Pentecost through our topic of 'Witnesses.' We will be learning about the Holy Spirit and the work of St Paul. After this, we will also be learning about 'Healing' and the 'Common Good' with links to CAFOD.

### RSE

In RSE/PSHE lessons we will continue learning about online safety. We will then be learning about Catholic Social Teaching and understanding how money works in the wider world.

### English

This term, we will continue to refine our writing in both fiction and non-fiction. Other genres we will cover include: playscripts, sports report, non-chronological report, fables and biographies. We will be using Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone to support our writing.

Our poetry focus this term will be on the poem 'Jabberwocky.' We will be learning about the features of poetry and writing our own versions of this poem. The children will then rehearse and perform their poems.

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

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 – Materials, Properties and Changes.

Our science topic this term will be Materials, Properties and Changes. We will be learning about reversible and irreversible changes and how these apply to daily life.

Later in the term, we will also be looking at Earth and Space.

### Geography – Climate Change

Children will be learning about the impact of climate change and the consequences for our planet. We will learn about natural and human causes of climate change and how the children can make a positive impact on the environment.

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### Other Curriculum Areas:

**PE:** For the first half term, the focus will be on striking and fielding and the second half term, the focus will be athletics. Class 9's PE lessons will be on a Monday with Miss Kelly and on a Wednesday with Mr Gandy.

**Music:** In music, the children will focus on composing music linked to Musical Theatre.

**Computing:** We will use Purple Mash for Computing and we will begin by looking at game creator, 3D modelling and word processing.

**MFL:** We will have weekly Spanish lessons where we will learn about going shopping, plants and clothes.

**Art & DT:** In Art, we will be beginning a whole school project.

### 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.** Girls' 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. Socks should be navy blue and please remember no earrings or jewellery.

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.

*Miss Kelly and Miss Brown*