

Class 10 Newsletter

Summer 2022



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Maths

At the beginning of this school year, we will be focusing on place value and the four operations. We will also cover fractions and measurement, whilst recapping previous learning to prepare for SATs in summer. Times tables and mental arithmetic will be practised daily to improve rapid recall skills.

Please support your child in learning all their times tables – a secure knowledge will make Year 6 maths much easier and prepare them for the upcoming SATs.



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://www.trockstars.com)

R.E

Our first R.E topic is Ourselves. We will learn that each person is made in the image of God and appreciate our uniqueness is central to our wellbeing. The second topic this term will be Life Choices, where we will learn how Christians are called to spread the good news and that life may be lived out in different ways. Finally, we move onto Hope, where we will focus on Jesus' coming and how Christians prepare for this whilst waiting in joyful hope.

RSE

In RSE/PSHE lessons we will explore the themes of gifts and talents and the changes that take place during puberty. We will also cover the topic of body image.

English

This term, children will begin to develop their independence in writing through themes of biographies, narratives, and diary entries. Each of these themes will link to other aspects of the curriculum and current events, where possible. We will continue to study the structure and features of each genre and use them to develop our own writing skills.

There will 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.

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 – Early Islamic Civilisation

In the second half term, we will begin our first history topic of the year, Early Islamic Civilisation. We will learn how and when it began, as well as why prophet Muhammad was so significant. Following his death, we will explore who began to lead Early Islamic Civilisation, before searching to answer why the civilisation was a significant turning point in history.

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

Science – Animals including Humans

During this topic, we will focus on the human body and its anatomy, particularly how the circulatory system transports nutrients around the body. This will lead us to some exciting and engaging investigations involving the circulatory system and pulse rates. We will also learn of the biology of the heart and the negative impacts drugs, alcohol and tobacco can have on the body.

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Geography – Japanese Tsunami 2011

During the first half term, we will focus on Geography, specifically looking at the natural disaster of the Japanese Tsunami in 2011. Within this topic, we will develop our locational and place knowledge and our practical geographical skills.

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 developing skills in both invasion games and dance. P.E. will continue on both Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

Music: Our music lessons will allow us to explore musical traditions from around the world.

Computing: We will use Purple Mash for Computing and develop our knowledge of coding and online safety.

MFL: We will have weekly Spanish lessons where we will learn classroom instructions and greetings.

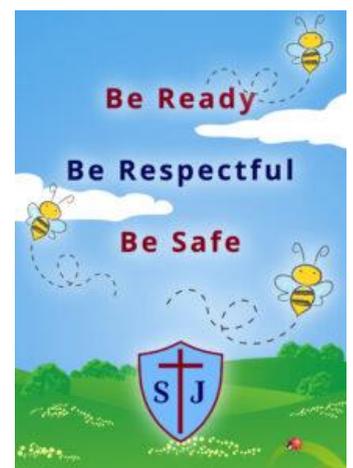
Art & DT: We will focus on Mackenzie Thorpe and wooden structures.

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 10 need to wear their PE kit on Wednesdays and Fridays – 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 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 Williams & Mrs Gentle