

Class 3 Reception Newsletter

Spring 2023



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Maths

This term the children will work on:



Alive in 5 – Children will explore the composition of numbers to 5. They will use practical activities to explore bonds to 3, 4 and 5.

Growing 6, 7 and 8 – Children will learn to:

- Represent numbers in different ways and begin to compare them
- Subitise – recognising amounts without counting
- Height and length

Building 9 and 10 – Children will learn to:

- Counting principles – forwards and backwards
- Explore 10s frames and how to represent numbers

R.E

This term in RE we will be looking at the topics:

Celebration – Different types of celebrations, our Church family and the Celebration of Mass.

Gathering – We will explore the Eucharist and different ways of gathering together.

Growing – We will be learning about the season of Lent which is a time to grow in love to be more like Jesus and to look forward to



The children will also participate in weekly Liturgical Prayer and will join KS1 worships in which we encourage children to learn our school prayers and to take time to think and reflect about their day.

Phonics

We will be continuing with our daily phonics session throughout the Spring Term. Children are now able to recognise single letter spellings and recognise them in words, we will continue our work on forming these letters with greater accuracy. We will be progressing our skills this term and children will begin to read and write simple words, captions and sentences. They will also learn how to identify lowercase and uppercase letters.

During the Spring term, children will be learning double letter spellings e.g. ll, ss, ff, zz and they will also be learning how to blend and segment longer words and words with adjacent consonants e.g. went, grab, drank.

Your child will continue to receive reading/writing activities to support their literacy development on a Monday.

Reading Books

The children are encouraged to read at home for at least 20 minutes every night. Please support your child in completing their new reading record each night by signing that they have read. The children are encouraged to talk about their books and make a response to the book, before moving onto their next book.



Topic

This term we will be exploring two topics. The first is 'Can You Take A Picture?' The children will explore the features of the past and learn about things that are old and new.

Interests may include:

- Toys
- Vehicles
- Victorian Life

The second is 'What Is In My Garden?' The children will learn about life cycles of plants and animals, how to be healthy and growth.

Interests may include:

- Minibeasts and habitats
- Planting and observations



Creative Development

Children will:

- Refine their ideas and creations and work collaboratively with their peers.
- We will be exploring the process of planning, pattern and colour mixing when creating our own planets.

Understanding the World



Children will:

- Discuss the past through information texts
- Explore different cultures and religions.
- Explore changes in the natural world including weather and growth.
- The purpose of maps.

PSED

Our focus this term will be supporting children to continue to develop and understanding of their emotions and those different to ourselves. We will be:

- Choosing healthy choices and discussing how we can remain safe.
- Discussing our emotions in further detail and how we can moderate our own feelings.

Texts: 'The Huge Bag Of Worries' and 'The Odd Egg'

Other Curriculum Areas:

PE: For PE, we will be focusing on gymnastics in the first half term, then building on our fundamental skills, such as Running, jumping, coordination, throwing, catching and Striking.

Music: In music we will be looking at dynamics and tempo based on animals, and pitch based on superheroes.

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.

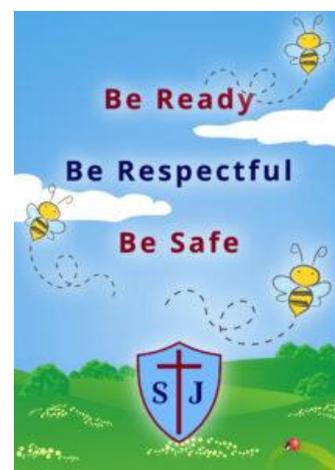
Art & DT: during Art and DT, we will explore the work of Andy Warhol, as well as doing some seaside art. We will also be making a starter course in food technology.

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 3 need to wear their PE kit on Tuesdays – this should be a plain navy-blue tracksuit/shorts with a plain white t-shirt. Long hair should be tied up with bobbles and hair bands that are the school colours. Short 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://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 Thomas and Mrs Pilling