



# Class 3 Newsletter

## Summer 2023

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### Maths

**Place Value** - Children will be working on place value within 100. We will be exploring how numbers are made 'tens' and 'one', and will be consolidating our number recognition up to 100.

**Shape** - The children will be revisiting 2D and 3D shapes. We will explore 2D and 3D shapes in detail, and explore their properties.

**Addition and Subtraction** - We will use the skills we have learnt to consolidate our addition and subtraction facts, such as number bonds to 10 and 20, and solving number problems.

**Multiplication and Division** - Children will be continuing to count in multiples of 2, 5 and 10. We will be applying this to multiplication and division. We will be moving onto fractions looking at halves and quarters of objects.



### R.E

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

**Holidays and Holy Days** - Children will be discussing what they like to do in the holidays and what makes them special. We will be moving onto Holydays and learning about Pentecost and The Holy Spirit and how Jesus went to live with his Father in heaven.

**Being Sorry** - Children will be discussing how sometimes we make the wrong choices and that God will forgive us for our choices. We will be learning the story of Zacchaeus and how Jesus forgives him for his wrong choices.

**Islam** - We will be looking at similarities and differences to our own Faith, and some of the key aspects of the Islamic faith.

**Neighbours** - Our final topic will be 'Neighbours' where we will be learning about who our neighbours are and that we have global neighbours around the world. We will be learning the story of the Good Samaritan.

### English

This term the children will be developing their skills as independent writers. We will be working very hard on handwriting and remembering to keep our letters to the correct size. Children will continue to work on punctuating sentences using a capital letter, finger spaces and a full stop. We will focus our writing on Non-Chronological Reports about Africa, instruction writing, poetry, and a range of story writing.

### Phonics

We will continue with our phonics this term. Year 1 will be preparing for their Phonics Screening Check and will be consolidating their learning of different spellings of the same sound i.e. oa, oe, ow, as well as the same sound with different spellings i.e. ow as in snow and ow as in down.

**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.

### **History – Toys Past and Present**

For the second part of the term we will be focusing on history. Our topic will have us exploring how toys have changed over time. We will be investigating how toys are and were made, as well as comparing toys from the past and the present. If you have any toys from the past at home, the children are welcome to bring them into school for a show and tell.



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

### **Science – Materials**

The children will be exploring a range of different materials. We will be looking at why objects are made from certain materials and the properties of materials. Children will investigate the suitability of different materials for different purposes.

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### **Geography – Africa**

During the first half term, we will focus on Geography, specifically looking at Africa, through the story 'Handa's Surprise' by Eileen Browne. We will be exploring the continent and oceans surrounding Africa, we will also be looking at the geographical features of Africa and the animals which are native to the continent.

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### **Other Curriculum Areas:**

**PE:** For PE, we will be focusing on competitive sports, such as racing. We will also be learning how to play rounders, and preparing for Sports Day towards the end of the Summer Term.

**Music:** Our music lessons will closely link to our Geography and History topics.

**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 DT we will be exploring textiles, learning how to do a simple stitch. In Art we will focus our art work around sculpture, and will also be working on portraits of King Charles III to celebrate his coronation.

### **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. Girl's 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. No jewellery including earrings are allowed.

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 Thomas and Mrs Pilling*