



Class 4 Newsletter

Autumn 2022

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Maths

Number & Place Value – We will begin the year by reading and writing numbers to 10, 20 and 100, and will use this knowledge to compare and order numbers from 1 to 100.



Addition & Subtraction – We will then use the skills we have learnt to answer addition and subtraction facts, such as number bonds to 10, 20 and 100, and learn to solve number problems. We will use different strategies, such as counters and blocks, to add and subtract two- and one-digit numbers.

Time and Shape – We will explore 2D and 3D shapes and their properties, time and measure.

Year 2 - 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

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

Families – We will look at our own families and think about how we belong to God's family. Please could we ask you to send a photo of your family for our class display.

Belonging – We will learn about belonging to a family, school or sports club, and will visit St Joseph's Church to look at the font and how the children's baptism shows they belong to God's family.

Waiting - Towards Christmas, the children will learn about the time of Advent and the Nativity Story.



RSE

In RSE we will begin by learning about how to stay safe online. We will also learn about how God loves us and how we are unique and special people.

English: Our main focus this term will be consolidating our sentence writing skills, where we will concentrate on the use of capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We will also be focusing on handwriting and making sure we can form our letters correctly. We will explore a range of genres and books beginning with labels, captions and descriptions, linked to a wide variety of books, such as 'Paddington at the Palace.'

Phonics: We will continue with our phonics this term. Year 1 will start with consolidating the Initial Code before moving onto the Extended Code. Our Year 1's will be working towards the 'Phonics Screening' in June and will be practising segmenting and blending real and pretend words. Year 2 will continue to develop their knowledge of the Extended Code.

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: The children are encouraged to read at home for at least 20 minutes every night and talk about the books they have read. Please support your child with completing their reading record.

Year 2 children will begin to use MyOn & Renaissance this year. They will be given a login and will be 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>

Geography – Journey around the UK

During the first half term, we will focus on the four countries which make up the United Kingdom and where we live in England. We will identify features of our local area using aerial maps. We will learn to use atlases and create our own maps of the local area.



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

History – The Gunpowder Plot

For the second part of the term, we will be focusing on History. We will learn about the famous Gunpowder Plot and why we celebrate Bonfire Night. We will learn about Guy Fawkes and how his plot to blow up the Houses of Parliament was stopped.



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Science – Animals (Including Humans)

The children will be exploring animals and their life cycles. We will also look at grouping different animals, before moving onto looking at ourselves, our bodies and how to keep healthy. We will be discussing healthy and non-healthy foods and designing our own healthy meal.



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 games in the first half term and dance in the second half of the term.

Music: Our music lessons will explore different genres from all around the world.

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 Van Gogh and recreate his work through drawing and painting. We will also learn about construction.

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 4 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 are 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://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.

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