

# Class 4 Newsletter

## Spring 2023

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### Maths

**Number & Place Value** – We will begin the term by recapping place value and partitioning numbers so we have a good understanding of tens and ones.

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



**Multiplication and Division** – We will continue to practise our recall of our times tables and use this knowledge to solve problems.

**Fractions** – The children will recognise, find and name fractions of an object, shape or quantity.

### 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://trockstars.com)



### R.E

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

**Special People** – We will be learning about the special people in our lives who help us and the special people we see in church.

**Meals** – The children will be finding out about the story of 'The Last Supper' and about the special meal we share during Mass.

**Change** - As we move towards Easter, the children will learn how the world we live in is always changing. We will start the topic by thinking of how much we have changed and grown. We will be linking our work to 'The Easter Story' towards the end of the term.



### 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 we will learn about different sentence types. The children will explore a range of genres, including traditional tales, letters and poems, linked to a wide variety of books, such as 'The Gingerbread Man' and 'The Day the Crayons Came Home.'

**Phonics:** We will continue with our phonics this term. Year 1 will continue to build their code knowledge as they go through the Sounds Write 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 – The Town

During the first half term, we will be learning about towns. We will explore the human and physical features of towns within the UK and locate them on a map. We will then compare towns like Stockton, to villages within our locality and list the advantages and disadvantages of living in both.



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

### History – Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale

For the second part of the term, we will be focusing on History. We will learn about and compare the lives of two influential women and why they are remembered. We will explore each woman and describe how they have impacted the world we live in today.



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### Science – Year 1

**Magnets and Forces** – During this topic, we will explore different ways objects move and how the size of the force used can affect the speed an object moves. We will also carry out investigations to find out whether objects float or sink.



### Science – Year 2

**Living Things and Their Habitats** - During this topic, we will explore different habitats that can be found around the world, including microhabitats that are around the school grounds. We will also learn about a significant person; Jane Goodall and we will write a biography about her achievements.



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### Other Curriculum Areas:

**PE:** For PE, we will be focusing on gymnastics in the first half term and fundamentals in the second half of the term.

**Music:** Our music lessons will explore the difference between pitch and tempo, and will use instruments to represent a descriptive sound.

**Computing:** We will use Purple Mash for Computing and continue to develop our computing skills.

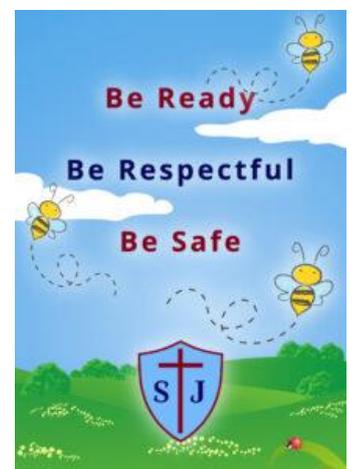
**MFL:** We will have weekly Spanish lessons where we will learn simple words and phrases, and how to count to 10.

**Art & DT:** During Art and DT, we will explore the work of Orla Kiely and recreate her work using printing and collage. We will also learn about 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 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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