

Class 4 Newsletter

Summer 2023

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Maths

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

Measurement: Length & Height – Children will choose and use appropriate standard units to estimate and measure length and height in any direction, and they will compare and order lengths.

Measurement: Mass, Capacity & Temperature – The children will describe and measure mass, capacity and temperature. The children will also compare and order different mass and capacity.

Position & Direction – The children will learn to describe movement and turns.



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:

Holidays and Holy Days – We will discuss what makes a holiday special. We will then learn about Pentecost, The Holy Spirit and how Jesus went to live with his Father.

Being Sorry – Children will be discussing how sometimes we make the wrong choices and that God will forgive us. We will be learning the story of Zacchaeus and how Jesus forgave 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 - We will be learning the story of the Good Samaritan and how we have neighbours all around the world.



RSE

In RSE we will learn about road safety and about the communities we live in.

English: Our main focus this term will be consolidating our sentence writing skills and developing skills as independent writers. We will also be focusing on handwriting and we will continue to learn about different sentence types. The children will explore a range of genres, including stories, poems, letters and instructions, linked to a wide variety of books, such as 'Edward the Emu' and 'Wombat Stew.'

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. 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 term. 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 – Australia

During the first half term, we will be learning the locality of Australia, and will compare and contrast it to our locality. We will be looking at the famous landmarks in Australia, as well as learning about animals native to the country. We will use our mapping skills to plot Australia on a world map, and will explore how Australia is split up in territories.



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

History – Captain Cook

For the second part of the term, we will be focusing on History. We will learn about the experiences of the famous explorer Captain James Cook. The children will discuss what makes him significant and also consolidate their understanding of chronology by exploring the historical period in which he lived.



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Science – Year 1

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. Our final topic will be Seasonal Changes.

Science – Year 2

Uses of Everyday Materials - During this topic, we will discover what a material is and the different properties of each material. The children will also compare different materials and create Venn diagrams to group different materials together. Our final topic will be Electricity.

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Other Curriculum Areas:

PE: For PE, we will be focusing on competitive sports in the first half term and sports day in the second half of the term.

Music: Our music lessons will explore music from across Britain and experiment with group composition.

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 Faith Ringgold and recreate her work using sculpture. We will also learn about fabric printing.

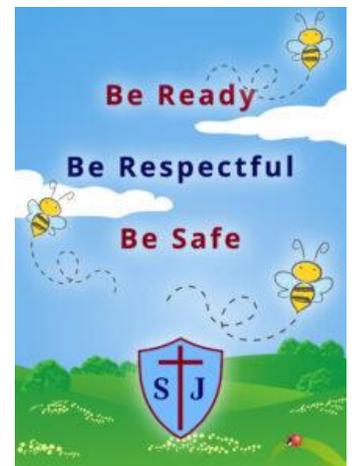
Polite Reminders

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. Long hair should be tied up with bobbles and hair bands that are the school colours. 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.

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