



Class 5 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.



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

This term we will continue to develop our writing skills by exploring a range of genres such as persuasive letters, balanced arguments, diary entries and instructions. Our writing will be linked to texts such as the Great Kapok Tree, Steve Goes to Carnival and Flat Stanley. Spellings will be practised daily through our phonics lessons and we will continue to practice our handwriting, learning to join neatly.

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.

MyOn & Renaissance: Every child has a login for MyOn and Renaissance, where they have been 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>

History – George Stephenson

During History lessons, we will be studying the achievements of George Stephenson and why he is significant to our local area. We look at how trains how changed over time and how they are used for transport in the UK and around the world.



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

Science – 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 where we will explore how to make a circuit that allows bulbs and buzzers to work!



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Geography – Brazil

Our geography learning will continue with learning about the UK and comparing it to Brazil. We will study the landscape and the climate in Brazil and make comparisons to the UK. By the end of this topic, the children will be able to describe the advantages and disadvantages of life in the UK and in Brazil.



Other Curriculum Areas:

PE: For PE, we will be focusing on competitive sports and then we will move onto practicing skills for Sports Day!

Music: We Learning about music from the British Isles and composing music of our own in a group and then we will be introduced to graphic scores and structure within music.

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 week, we will explore the work of local sculpture artist, Antony Gormley, who create the 'Angel of the North'. They will use clay to sculpt recreations of this local attraction.

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 5 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. Jewellery including earrings are not 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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