



Class 6 Newsletter

Summer 2023



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Maths

This term we will look at a variety of maths topics including, number and place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division and fractions. The children will use a range of mathematical skills and methods to answer fluency, problem solving and reasoning questions.

In Class 6 we will also be working hard to learn our multiplication and division tables. This half term we will continue to focus on our 3- and 4-times tables but will also introduce the 8 times tables too. However, we will also keep recapping the 2,5 and 10- time's tables.

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 \(ttrockstars.com\)](https://ttrockstars.com)



R.E

This term we will explore a range of topics, such as Energy, Sikhism, Choices and Special Places.

Energy: We will explore how we are especially influenced by those whose actions speak powerfully of a life of service.

Sikhism: The children will explore and gain a good understanding of the Sikh religion.

Choices: The children will understand that choices have consequences and know the importance of our conscience in making choices.

Special Places: We will begin by discussing how everyone has a special place, then will explore the special places of Jesus and the Christian community.

The children will be encouraged to lead daily prayers and liturgical prayer.

In RSE, we will explore the topics such as, God loves you, Trinity House, The communities we live in, Roads away from home and going shopping.

English

Our main focus in English will be linked to our main topic and key texts. We will be studying the features of each genre and using them to develop our own writing skills.

We will explore a range of genres, books and video stimulus. We will begin writing a story based on the video stimulus 'The Night Zookeeper', then we will write a non-chronological report using the book 'Escape from Pompeii' and will finish writing a balanced argument from 'Bills New Frock'. After the half term, we will be writing a piece of poetry using the 'Adventures of Isobel', after this we will be focusing on the book 'The Six Wives of Henry VIII' to write a newspaper report and a biography, we will finally finish the year with a playscript written from the video stimulus 'The Happy Duckling'.

There will continue to be a large emphasis on accuracy in punctuation and use of correct grammar in all written work. It is also important that handwriting is well formed and accurate.

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: 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.

Geography— Earthquakes

In the first half term, we will explore our final Geography topic of the year. The children will know and name the parts of the earth and will understand that the earth's crust is split into tectonic plates that move constantly. We will also use the case study of Haiti 2010 and compare the impacts and responses to earthquakes that have hit the North East in recent years.

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

History – Henry the VIII and the Reformation of the Church

In the second half term we will begin our final History topic of the year. Within this topic, the children will learn all about Henry the VIII and his background as the King of England. In addition, we will focus on his methods to fulfil his ambitions, such as Divorce, the Dissolution of the Monasteries and the English Reformation.

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Science – Materials and Light and Seeing

This term in science we will learn all about the states of matter of materials. The children will be able to compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases. They will observe how materials change state and understand the processes of evaporation and condensation. In the second half term, we will explore the topic Light and Seeing. The children will learn that we need light in order to see things, understand that light from the sun can be dangerous and will find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change.

Other Curriculum Areas:

PE: In PE, we will begin with striking and fielding where we will explore how to throw, bowl and strike with great accuracy. Then in the second half term we will be moving onto Athletics, with relay changeovers, running over a short distance, throwing and a range of jumps.

Music: In music, we will study the Romans to explore musical motifs, composing and so much more. We will then move onto Improvisation where the children will verbalise their feelings about music and identify their likes and dislikes.

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

MFL: In Spanish, we will be learning to say and write about our family members.

Art & DT: In Art we will study the work of Ann Vrielinik and explore how shapes and negative spaces can be represented by three dimensional forms. In DT we will be creating a Tudor purse using stamping, printing and simple embellishment.

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 6 need to wear their PE kit on Mondays and Wednesdays – 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. Short 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://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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