



Class 8 Newsletter

Autumn 2022

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Maths

We are going to be focusing on place value in maths. This will involve lots of work with 4 and 5 digit numbers, counting in multiples of 1,000 and finding 10, 100 and 1000 more or less than a number. We will also be learning about the four operations.

In Class 8, we are going to work very hard on our multiplication and division tables. Each week the children will have a times table to focus on and they are encouraged to practise these at home too.

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 we will be studying the themes of Domestic Church, the sacrament of reconciliation and other faiths. In Class 8 we will approach these themes through the topics:

Home – The family of God in scripture

Reconciliation – Preparing for the Sacrament

Judaism – The synagogue and a special place for prayer.

The children will be encouraged to lead daily prayers and candle times. Please refer to the R.E. newsletter for more information Class 8's class saint is St Therese of Lisieux. During the year we will be learning about how special St Therese was and how we can try to follow in her example.

RSE

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.

- Diary Entries
- Letters
- Newspaper Report

There will continue to be a strong 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. Please encourage your children to learn their weekly spellings at home.

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.

MyOn: <https://www.myon.co.uk/login/index.html>

Renaissance: <https://ukhosted35.renlearn.co.uk/6709574/default.aspx>

History – Ancient Egypt

We will be learning about where the Ancient Egypt civilisation fits in time, when it began and how long it lasted. We will learn about the structure of society in Ancient Egypt and investigate a significant archaeological discovery – when Howard Carter discovered the Tomb of Tutankhamun.

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

Science – Animals Including Humans

In this Science Topic we will be learning about Animals including Humans. We aim to describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans, identify the different types of teeth in humans and their functions and construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey.

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

Geography – Migration

We will be learning about where people live in the world and how and why population changes around the world. We will be exploring different reasons why people migrate and the effects that migration has on the UK.

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 rounders and athletics. The children will have PE on a Monday with Miss Kelly and on a Wednesday with Mr Gandy.

Music: Our music lessons will be delivered by Mrs Butterworth and will closely link to our Geography and History topics.

Computing: We will use Purple Mash for Computing and continue to develop our use of databases.

MFL: We will have weekly Spanish lessons where we will learn words for the body, family and pets.

Art & DT: In Art, we will be learning about the artist Julian Opie. We will also be participating in art and design activities to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee!

Polite Reminders

- Long hair should be tied back and gel or other hair products are not permitted.
- Hair should not be dyed and extreme haircuts are not permitted.
- Earrings and jewellery should not be worn in school – a watch may be worn.
- Shoes should be sensible – black without detail or heels.
- Homework will be sent out on Monday and handed back by Friday.

Class 8 need to wear their PE kit on Mondays and Wednesdays – this should be a tracksuit/shorts with a plain white t-shirt. Girls' hair should be tied up with bobbles and hair bands that match 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://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.

Miss Watson & Mrs Gordon