



# Class 8 Newsletter

## Autumn 2022

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### Maths

Initially we will focus on place value, this will involve lots of work with 4- and 5-digit numbers, using effective methods of addition and subtracting, as well as continuous multiplication and division work. We will also be learning about fractions, decimals and percentages.

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



#### 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

The first text we will study in English is The Firework Makers Daughter. We will focus on the features of; persuasive letters, stories, instructions and poetry, and then using this information to develop our own writing skills.

There will continue to be a strong emphasis on accuracy in punctuation and use of correct grammar in all written work, in addition to well-formed and accurate handwriting.

**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 – Vikings

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 – Living Things and Their Habitats

In this Science Topic we will be learning about Living Things and Their Habitats. We aim to describe the different features of animals and living things, how they are classified with one another and the impact humans can have on an environment. We will be exploring the way in which the environment can change and how this can sometimes pose dangers to living things

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### Geography – Swimming in Plastic

We will be learning about the various causes of plastic pollution that is mainly driven by human activity. We will be exploring different reasons why humans cause plastic pollution and what sustainable management strategies we can use to lower the negative impacts of plastic on the environment.

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### Other Curriculum Areas:

**PE:** For PE, we will be focusing on net and ball. The children will have PE on a Monday with Miss Kelly and on a Wednesday with Mr Gandy.

**Music:** Our music lessons will be focussed on listening to changes in pitch, tempo and use of dynamics linked to rivers. We will also be exploring the different stages of the river through the use of vocal work and percussion.

**Computing:** We will use Purple Mash for Spreadsheets, producing a news report and understanding the different parts that make up a desktop computer.

**MFL:** We will have weekly Spanish lessons where we will learn numbers 1-100 and how to say people's ages/birthday.

**Art & DT:** In Art, we will be studying the work of Keith Haring experiment with the techniques the artist has used.

### 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 plain navy-blue 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, Mr Carr-Riley & Mrs Gordon