

# Class 9 Newsletter

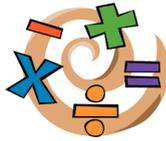
## Autumn 2022



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### Maths

This term we will begin by consolidating knowledge of place value. The children will then move on to use formal written methods for all four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). Following this we will learn about time including timetables and statistics including using and reading line graphs.



### 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

We will begin the Autumn term by learning about our Class Saint – Mother Teresa and by celebrating Mary's birthday. The children will then start the RE topic of 'Ourselves' during which we will be thinking about God's plan for us and our families. We will then move onto 'Life Choices' and our Advent topic of 'Hope.'

### RSE

In RSE/PSHE lessons we will begin with a strong focus on online safety. The children will then learn about being under pressure and the importance of consent.

### English

Our first focus in English will be mystery narrative linked to the text, 'The Last Chance Hotel.' We will be studying the features of this genre and using the features to develop our own writing skills. We will then focus on formal letters as our second genre and write job application letters to 'The Last Chance Hotel.'

This term we will continue to refine our writing in both fiction and non-fiction. Other genres we will cover include poetry, instructions, myths and legends and non-chronological reports which we will link to Ancient Maya.

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 which we will practise regularly. Please also find time to enjoy reading with your child at home and record this in your child's reading record.

**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.

### **History – Maya Civilisation**

We are looking forward to our History topic which we will begin the second half term. This topic will be about Ancient Maya. Pupils will recognise the profound impact and achievements of this civilisation, and it opens up a range of historical enquiry, such as whether the Maya were civilised or bloodthirsty, and which factors led to their decline.

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

### **Science – Animals Including Humans**

Our science topic this term will be Animals Including Humans. This will involve the children learning about gestation period in humans and other animals and the changes humans make from baby to toddler, to child, to puberty, to adulthood, to old age.

Later in the term, we will also be looking at Sound and Hearing.

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### **Geography – Settle Down**

During the first half term, our topic will be 'Settle Down.' The children will compare and study different types of settlements and use this to focus on our settlement of Norton. The children will use various maps to understand the changes and history of Norton.

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### **Other Curriculum Areas:**

**PE:** For the first half term the focus will be on invasion games, and the second half term focus will be dance. Class 9 PE will be on a Monday with Mr Gandy and on a Wednesday with Miss Kelly.

**Music:** In music, the children will focus on composing music linked to Ancient Egypt and then Blues music.

**Computing:** We will use Purple Mash for Computing and we will begin by looking at online safety, coding and spreadsheets.

**MFL:** We will have weekly Spanish lessons where we will learn about going to the zoo, shapes and fruit.

**Art & DT:** In Art we will be learning about Mackenzie Thorpe and in DT we will be creating wooden structures.

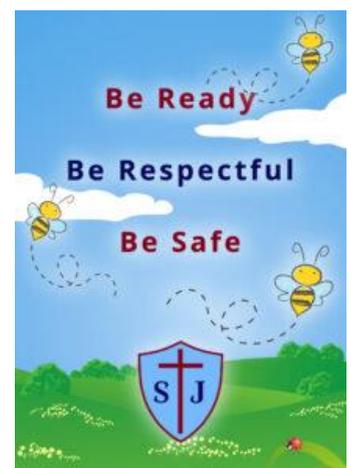
### **Polite Reminders**

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 9 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. 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. Socks should be navy blue and please remember to remove earrings/jewellery.

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 Kelly & Mrs Roddy