

Class 9 Newsletter

Summer 2023



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Maths

This term we will begin by consolidating angles and the properties of shape. They will then move onto learning about place value and rounding numbers up to a million. Following this, we will be learning about negative numbers and converting between fractions, decimals and percentages.



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://www.ttrockstars.com)

R.E

We will begin the Summer term by learning about the feast of Pentecost through our topic of 'Transformation.' We will be learning about the Holy Spirit and the work of St Paul. After this, we will also be learning about 'Freedom and Responsibility' and 'Stewardship.'

RSE

In RSE/PSHE lessons we will continue learning about online safety. We will then be learning about Catholic Social Teaching and understanding how money works in the wider world.

English

Our first focus in English will be on the poem 'Jabberwocky.' We will be learning about the features of poetry and writing our own versions of this poem. The children will then rehearse and perform their poems.

This term we will continue to refine our writing in both fiction and non-fiction. Other genres we will cover include playscripts, sports report, non-chronological report, fables and a biography.

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.

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

History

After half term we will focus on a local history topic!

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

Science – Materials, Properties and Changes.

Our science topic this term will be Materials, Properties and Changes. We will be learning about reversible and irreversible changes and how these apply to daily life.

Later in the term, we will also be looking at Earth and Space.

Geography – North America

During the first half term, our topic will be 'North America.' We will be learning about the human and physical features of North America including hurricanes and wildfires.

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

Other Curriculum Areas:

PE: For the first half term the focus will be on striking and fielding, and the second half term focus will be athletics. Class 9 PE will be on a Monday with Miss Bright and on a Wednesday with Miss Kelly.

Music: In music, the children will focus on composing music linked to Musical Theatre.

Computing: We will use Purple Mash for Computing and we will begin by looking at game creator, 3D modelling and word processing.

MFL: We will have weekly Spanish lessons where we will learn about going shopping, plants and clothes.

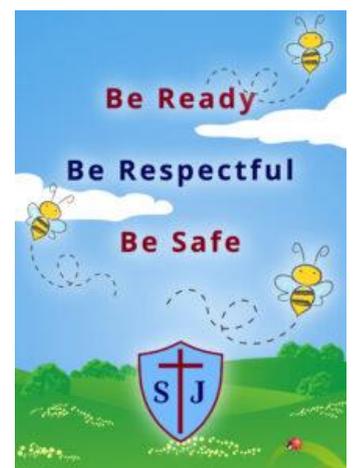
Art & DT: In Art we will be learning about Yayoi Kusama and in DT we will be creating traditional war toys.

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 no earrings or 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 & Mrs Gordon