



Newsletter Class 9

Summer 2020



Welcome back!

We hope that you have all had an enjoyable, Easter holiday even though it was a little different this year! We are still working hard behind the scenes and excited as ever to see what you have been getting up to during this time at home. Please feel free to email the office with any photos or updates of what you have been learning.

Maths

Usually this term, we would be looking at position and direction, ratio and proportion and algebra. I will be setting you some tasks based on these which you will be able to find on the website.

However, to make sure that you are ready to hit the ground running when you come back to school, I would like you to go on to The Oak Academy website and try to complete some of the lessons which are uploaded weekly for you.

<https://www.thenational.academy>

I would also like you to keep practicing your times tables – now is the perfect time to make sure you know all of them off by heart. Get on TTRockstars and make sure we are the class to beat!

R.E

The focus of this term's work in Religious Education is the role the Holy Spirit plays in our lives. We would like you to use your bibles to look deeper into the meaning behind a range of scripture passages. Each week, we will set you a task via the homework menu: there will be some scripture to read and a creative task to go with it.



English

This term, our English topics will be focused on using the books you have at home. Make sure you read, every day and record it in your reading record. Try to read a variety of books and genre.

Again, The Oak Academy have some great English lessons for you to access daily to keep you going until we see you again.

We will keep updating the website with your spellings so make sure that you practise them and try to use them in your written work.

P.E.

Joe Wicks' PE sessions are still happening live on Youtube which is a great activity to start the day. It is important that we keep active during this time and take every opportunity to get out in the fresh air for our daily exercise either in the garden or out and about, remaining at a safe distance from others.

History/Geography

This term we are asking you to research Sir Walter Raleigh who is a key figure in Tudor history. Perhaps you could create your own 'Horrible Histories' style video to present any other cool information you can find out about them. 'The Tudors' is a fantastic history topic so we hope you all look forward to diving further into the topic before moving onto mountains as a geography focus.

Science

We would like you to carry out some science investigations at home this term; science is all around us even when we don't realise! This term, we'd like you to look at 'Forces'. Do some research about Sir Isaac Newton, gravity, friction and air resistance. Perhaps you could design and make your own parachute for one of your toys.

On a more personal note...

These are very strange times we are living through at the moment and I certainly would never have imagined that this would be our 'new normal'. However, we are all living through history and one day people will look back at the global Coronavirus pandemic of 2020 and be proud of how, as a nation, we pulled together, took care of our neighbours and clapped for the heroic NHS workers every Thursday at 8pm.

When you are older, you will remember having lots of time off school and being at home with your families, the weather being glorious but you were not able to go anywhere to enjoy it and Mrs Bingham still setting you lots of homework and nagging about your timestables...

While I encourage you to keep working hard while you are at home, the thing I want for you more than anything, is to be safe, healthy and happy so that someday soon, we can all be together again in our great big St. Joseph's family.

Please look after yourselves and those around you. Be kind and look for ways to be helpful. We miss you and look forward to seeing your smiley faces soon.

Useful Links

<https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elvenses-catch-up/>

<https://s3.letsembark.ca/long-creations/2020-COVID-19-Time-Capsule-EN-CA.pdf>

<https://stjosephsacademy.org.uk/contact/keeping-mentally-healthy/>

<https://www.facebook.com/parishfamilystocktonRC/>

<https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

<https://trockstars.com/home>

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z826n39>

As always, stay home, stay safe and stay healthy

God bless

Mrs Bingham and Mrs Roddy