



# Class 11 Newsletter

## Spring 2024

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### Welcome Back!

Welcome back Class 11! Following what has hopefully been a wonderful and fun-filled Christmas Break, we are ready to continue our learning and hard-work in preparation for the KS2 SATs later this academic year.

In Class 11, our teachers are Mrs Butterworth and Mrs Storr and our teaching assistant is Mrs Gentle.

### Maths

The main areas we will cover this Term are: Place value, Four Operations, Measures, Geometry and Fractions, Decimals and Percentages



To make sure that we are able to rise to the challenge of the end of Key Stage tests, we are focusing on the four basic number rules so that we can use and apply them to all maths topics. We will be practising Arithmetic and Times Tables daily to ensure we are able to use these facts fluently.

### 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 be taking part in planning and delivering Liturgical Prayer and exploring our faith throughout the Spring Term through our topics: Sources, Unity and Death and New Life.

Throughout these topics, we will be exploring how, as Christians, we are called to serve and the Sacrifice Jesus made for us.



### RSE

In RSE/PSHE lessons we will explore various topics including: Body Image, Peculiar Feelings, Emotional Changes, Hope Beyond Death, Privacy and Security and Sexual Harassment.

### English

Our English curriculum allows the children to write with imagination and explore books of all types, whether it is escaping into the world of characters in fiction or finding out about the world and beyond with non-fiction. This term, our English topics will be: Narrative, Balanced Arguments, Non-Chronological Reports and Explanation Texts. Throughout each unit we will be exploring text features and structure, as well as learning key grammatical skills appropriate to each text type. Additionally, we will be reading a wide range of texts, applying reading skills to comprehension texts and will also be developing our handwriting.



**Spellings** Your child will be given weekly spellings which they can practise at home or before school from 8:30am in our homework club. It is also useful to apply their spellings to sentences. We thank you for your continued support with the completion of spellings and homework.

**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>

### **Geography – Biomes**

We will be continuing our Geography topic of Biomes this term.

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

### **History – Victorian Britain**

After half-term we will be exploring Victorian Britain and the Industrial Revolution and the major impact this had on British Society and the modern world.

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

### **Science – Light and Seeing**

In our topic about Light and Seeing we will explore how light travels and how we see, including identifying parts of the eye. We will also investigate how shadows are formed, how reflections occur and how rainbows are formed.

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### **Other Curriculum Areas:**

**PE:** We will be focusing on Tennis and Dance.

**Music:** Our music lessons will be based on the topics of WW2 Songs and we will be participating in whole class Ukulele lessons this term.

**Computing:** We will be working on Coding, Blogging and online safety.

**MFL:** We will have Spanish lessons with Mrs Pilling.

**Art & DT:** In Art and DT we will focus on Mackenzie Thorpe, Still Life Drawing and Food Technology.

### **Walking Home**

Year 6 children are allowed to walk home alone. We would be grateful if you would send your written authorisation in a letter so that we can keep track of who walks and who is picked up. For one off occasions where children may walk home, please continue to contact the school office. Please remember that children should only bring their phone into school if they are walking to and from school on their own.

### **Polite Reminders**

Children need to bring their reading records, reading books, homework books, revision guides 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.

During this term, we will be using the outdoor space as much as possible for PE lessons so an outdoor kit is essential. Class 11 need to wear their PE kit on

**Wednesdays and Fridays** – 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 are the school colours. Claw clips are not permitted. 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://School Uniform – St Joseph's Catholic Academy Norton (bhcet.org.uk))

Our Bright Start Club starts at 8:30am for Year 6 only to help them as they prepare for their SATs later this academic year. Please encourage your child to attend from 8:30am to give them the best start to the day.



If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office to arrange a telephone call.

Mrs Butterworth, Mrs Storr & Mrs Gentle