



St Gregory's Catholic Academy

Year 4 NEWSLETTER

'Forward Together in the Love of Christ'

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We would like to welcome everyone back after the Easter and we hope that you had a lovely time. We are looking forward to another fantastic term in Year 4!

Maths

This term we will cover a range of topics, including decimal numbers, fractions, time, shape, space, measure and more! We will continue to practise our grasp of the 4 main calculations weekly and develop our reasoning and problem-solving skills.

Each week we will have a Times Tables test as we continue to develop our rapid recall of the multiplication facts.

English

This term in English we will write our own play scripts, re-write myths and legends, create fact sheets linked to our Topic and develop our poetry skills!

In Reading we will be summarising the key details, making predictions and looking at the clues hidden in the text to understand what the author is showing us.

Spellings are given out weekly and we will be practising our handwriting daily in class.

RE

In our "New Life" topic we will be studying Pentecost and how we hear and live the Easter message. We will also find out more about the Sacrament of Confirmation in our "Called" topic, and how we can follow the example of the Saints in "God's People."

PE

This term we will work in the hall and develop our dance skills, creating our own routines inspired by water. We will also take advantage of the better weather and explore some athletics activity.

Please remember to bring your PE kit into school every week for our lesson on Thursdays.

Topic / Art

Our topic this term is Europe! We will use atlases to locate different countries; find out more about the key rivers, mountains, seas and cities of the continent and explore architecture, famous landmarks and historical events. In Art we will explore landscapes, seascapes and cityscapes through the work of famous European artists including Cezanne and Norman Cornish.

Science

This term we will broaden our scientific knowledge and vocabulary whilst studying states of matter.

We will investigate what solids, liquids and gases are and explore the Water Cycle. We will also explore electricity, including identifying what runs on electricity and building our own simple circuits.

Homework

Children in Year 4 will receive fortnightly homework, consisting of Maths and English activities linked to our work in class. This will usually be given on a Friday to be returned by the following Thursday. If your child is struggling with any aspect of their homework, then they should bring their best attempt in to school and discuss any misconceptions with their teacher.

In addition, children will receive a list of spellings each week for a test on Fridays and children should continue to practise their Times Tables for our weekly test.

Thank you for your support.

Sacramental Preparation

Some of us in Year 4 are looking forward to making our First Holy Communion in May.

We will make our First Holy Communion on **Saturday 12th May at 9:30am at Church**, and will have a final session on **Saturday 16th June** at 5pm at Church.

Reading Books

Children are encouraged to read at home for at least 15 minutes every night. Please support your child with this by questioning them about the book that they are reading and signing their record each time they read. When the book is finished, your child will make a comment in their record and change their book in school the next day.

Polite Reminders

- Long hair should be tied back.
- 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 or brown without detail or heels.
- Homework must be completed on time including daily reading.

PE KIT

- PE kits should be worn for PE lessons and should be brought into school every Monday.

Dates for your diary

- **Wednesday 25th April**, Year 4 going to Mass in Church at 9:30am
- **Wednesday 2nd May**, Whole School Mass in Church at 9:30am
- **Thursday 10th May**, Key Stage 2 Mass in Church at 11am.
- **Friday 11th May** Year 4 Class Liturgy in school at 9am.
- **Saturday 12th May** First Holy Communion Mass in Church at 9:30am.
- **Monday 21st May** Year 4 Pentecost Assembly in school at 9am.
- **Wednesday 13th June**, Whole School Mass in Church at 9:30am.
- **Saturday 16th June**, Sacramental Preparation session in Church at 5pm.
- **Wednesday 4th July**, Whole School Mass in Church at 9:30am.
- **Wednesday 18th July** Leavers Mass in Church, 9:30am

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