



St Gregory's Catholic Academy Curriculum Newsletter Year 2

Autumn Term



We will be using Class Dojo to share homework, letters and other important information this term. You can use this to send teachers any work your child is completing at home!

Wellbeing

Wellbeing is very important in Year 2! We will be updating our feelings chart daily and discussing how to manage our emotions. We will talk about worries and how to be a good friend.



Religious Education

In our "Beginnings" topic we will learn about the Creation Story, starting our day with prayer and thanking God for our beginnings. After this, we will start our next topic, "Signs and Symbols" where we will discover more about the Sacrament of Baptism. We will end the term by studying "Preparations." We will find out more about Advent and how Catholics prepare to celebrate Christmas.



English

This term in English we will write labels, captions and lists. We will also write stories and poems to entertain before moving onto writing instructions to inform. We will use conjunctions to extend our sentences and adjectives to add description. Our spelling focus will be on the Year 1 exception words and words including set 3 phonics sounds. In reading, we will explore the skills of retrieval, prediction and inference. Each week we will enjoy reading stories together.



Maths

In Autumn 1 we will cover Place Value. We will count, recognise the place value of and write numbers to 100. We will count in multiples of 2s, 5s, 10s and 3's and, given a number, identify 10 more and 10 less. We will also compare and order numbers to 100.



Later on in the term, we will improve our addition and subtraction skills, increasing our fluency and problem solving. We will also look at money.

Science

This term we will broaden our scientific knowledge and vocabulary whilst studying Living Things and their Habitats. We will be distinguishing between things that are alive, dead and have never been alive. Also we will be looking into the habitats of different plants and animals to understand why they are important.



History / Geography

Our history topic this term is Toys Past and Present. We will learn key facts about old and new toys and explore the Victorian period. We will compare toys from the past and present.



In Geography, we will learn about the world, improve our map skills and explore different continents.

The Arts

This term we are focussing on drawing skills and learning how to use different materials such as oil pastels and crayons. We are focussing on drawing from observation linked to our science topic.



In Design Technology we are focussing on our cutting and gluing skills before moving onto construction.

PE

This term PE will be on a Friday and we will be developing our teambuilding skills and ball skills. We will also be improving our balance in gymnastics.



Phonics

In November we will take our Phonics screening test. We will be spending this half term practicing and consolidating our knowledge of our Set 1, 2 and 3 sounds. Don't forget to practice at home too!

