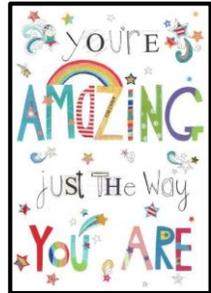




St Gregory's Catholic Academy Curriculum Newsletter Year 3

Autumn Term



ClassDojo

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!

RSHE

 Created and Loved by God explores the individual. Rooted in the teaching that we are made in the image and likeness of God, children develop an understanding of the importance of valuing themselves as the basis for personal relationships

Religious Education

Our first RE topic is 'Homes'. In this topic, we will learn God's dream for every family and think about "What makes a house a home?" We will explore how God is present in every home and this is expressed in the love that binds the family together.

Next, we explore the theme of 'Promises' and think about the meaning of the commitment made at Baptism and ask ourselves, "Why do we make promises?"

Finally, our Advent topic is called, 'Visitors.' We will learn to recognise that Advent is a time of waiting for the coming of Jesus.



English

In our writing lessons this term, we will learn about how to entertain our reader. We will be exploring different genres including narrative, description and poetry. In spelling lessons, we are looking at key words and will begin to learn to spell Year 3 key words once Key Stage 1 words are secure. Handwriting will focus on developing a cursive handwriting style.

To improve our reading skills, we will focus on key texts such as Stone Age Boy, The Pebble in my Pocket, How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth and stories by the author, Anne Fine.



Maths

We begin the Autumn Term with Place Value. We will learn to read and write numbers up to 1000 in numerals and in words recognising the place value of each digit in a three-digit number.

We will learn to count from 0 in multiples of 4, 8, 50 and 100. We will confidently find 10 or 100 more or less than a given number. Next, we will move on to Addition and Subtraction and learn to add and subtract numbers with up to three digits, using formal written methods. Finally, this term we will study Multiplication and Division. Follow some recapping of earlier work, our children will be introduced to the 3, 4 and 8 times tables.



Science

Our first topic in science is 'Rocks'. The children will be comparing and grouping together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties

Then we will describe, in simple terms, how fossils are formed. Finally, we will examine soil and find out what it is made up from.

Then we focus on 'Animals, including Humans.' We will learn about nutrition and the needs of humans and other animals. Then we will learn about the role of the skeleton and muscles to support, protect and aid the movement of an animal.



History / Geography

Our Autumn history topic is the Stone Age to Iron Age. We will learn about life in early Britain.

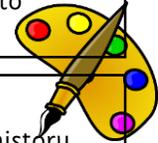
In Geography, we will learn about the UK and each of the four different home nations. We will learn about capitals, flags, landmarks and patron saints. Within each home nation, children will understand the population and population density, land use and weather.



The Arts

During our art lessons, will be developing our observational drawing skills. Linked to our history work, we will look at cave drawings and draw the things around just as prehistoric people did. In Design Technology we are developing our cutting, folding and joining skills. These activities will be linked to the theme of Advent and Christmas.

In music all our learning is focused around one song: Let Your Spirit Fly. The children will learn and/or build on their knowledge and understanding about the interrelated dimensions of music.



PE

This term we will have PE on **Monday and Wednesday** afternoons. Please come to school in your kit.

We will be developing our games skills and will begin to play more competitive games, such as Tag Rugby, developing tactics for attacking and defending.



MFL

We will begin with a 'Meet and Greet' unit which will teach our children about the basics of the Spanish language. They will learn to greet each other, exchange names, ask how someone is, count to ten and say how old they are.

