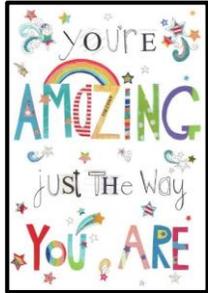




St Gregory's Catholic Academy Curriculum Newsletter Year 4

Autumn Term 2021



Important information and homework will be shared on Class Dojo. Please ensure you are connected in order to keep up to date.

Wellbeing



We have been discussing our thoughts and feelings about being back at school, as well as any concerns that anyone may have. We will continue to focus on our own wellbeing and discuss any emotions as they arrive, including strategies for managing these.

Religious Education

This term we will have three RE topics:

- Domestic Church (Family)
- Reconciliation (Building Bridges)
- Advent/ Christmas (Loving)



RSE

In RSE we will be learning and thinking about how we are all created and loved By God.

English

This term we are initially using the book 'Escape to Pompeii' as a basis for our English lessons. Using this, we will write in a range of different genres.

We will also be recapping punctuation from Year 3 and learning about sentence types for description. We will apply these skills in description writing and narrative writing. We will continue to practise our handwriting, in order to ensure a fluent, joined writing style.



Maths

This term we will begin by learning about place value. This will include understanding 4 digit numbers, rounding to the nearest 10 and 100 and comparing numbers. We will then progress onto addition and subtraction involving 4 digit numbers. We will also be consolidating our knowledge of the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables, before progressing on to learning the 6 times tables. Please practise these at home as much as possible!



Science

This term we will be learning about Living Things and their Habitats. We will be learning how to use classification keys to classify living things in different ways, before learning about human impact on the environment (eg. Litter and deforestation).

Our second topic this term will be electricity where we will learn about circuits, conductors and insulators. During this unit we will investigate and experiment with a variety of materials and build our own circuits.



History / Geography

We begin this term with a Geography unit - Angry Earth, in which we will be finding out about the structure of the earth, leading in to volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis.

We will then move to a History unit - Ancient Greece. Within this some of the things we will learn about are who the Ancient Greeks were, the different Greek gods, the story of the Trojan horse and how democracy began.



The Arts

This year we are focussing on a range of key skills in Art and DT! This term we will explore observational drawing and construction.

In music, we will focus initially on the work of ABBA in our unit Mamma Mia! We will listen to and appraise songs, play instruments, compose and perform our creations. Later in the term, we will be revisiting our work on the Glockenspiel, learning and performing songs we learn each week, and composing our own songs.



PE

In PE this term we will be learning the skills and tactics involved to play invasion games, primarily tag rugby. We will then put these skills in to games situations. PE is on a Thursday so please come in your kit on this day.



MFL

In Spanish, we will be learning about greetings, classroom instructions, the alphabet, colours and directions.

