



St Gregory's Catholic Academy Curriculum Newsletter Nursery

Autumn Term 2025



We will be using the Seesaw app to share your child's learning with you.

Wellbeing

We will be reading stories about our emotions, talking about our feelings and things that make us happy.



ClassDojo

Please inform a member of staff if you are not connected to your child's Class Dojo account.

Religious Education

Our RE topics this term are Myself, Judaism, Welcome and Celebrating. During these topics will be learning the names of our new friends in Nursery and talking about how we are all special to God. Children will also learn about the special objects on our prayer focus table and why they are so important to us. Later, we will explore how our church welcomes us. As we enter the season of Advent, our focus will be on preparing for Christmas and what this means for Christians.



Literacy

This term, our topics are **Everyone Different, Everyone Loved** and **Starry Night**. As part of our topics, we will read lots of stories including, *Monkey Puzzle*, *Bini's Diwali* and *Jesus' Christmas Party*. We will talk about things we like and things we don't and explore family and friends. We will be drawing pictures of ourselves and writing on paper, card and whiteboards to develop our mark making skills. We will also begin to work on name writing.



Mathematics

Counting objects and recognising numerals to 5 is our key number objective this term. Each week, we will focus on a number which we will then return to later in the term to consolidate and build on our learning and understanding. We will also practise counting out loud beyond 5. In the first half term, we will be exploring 2-d shapes, and we will move onto linking these to 3-d shapes. We will be hunting for these shapes in class and around school. We wonder how many shapes the children can spot at home?



Understanding the World

Our focus this autumn is our body and our family. We will think about our body parts, how we have grown and talk about how to stay healthy. This will include looking at ourselves, exercising and trying healthy food. As the seasons change, we will spend time observing what is different and learn more about Autumn and Winter. As we move onto our Starry Night topic, our focus will turn towards how different religions, cultures and countries celebrate.



Communication and Language

Every day, we spend time talking about stories and playing games that require speaking and listening skills. We will listen to environmental sounds on our Wednesday Wander and discuss what we are hearing. Our older children will begin to participate in phonics lessons and will learn to recognise, say and write sounds. Each day, we will encourage the children to ask and then answer questions.



Physical Development

In Nursery, we focus regularly on gross and fine motor skills. This term, we will be practising balancing, climbing, sitting and standing. To improve our fine motor skills, we will spend time each week manipulating play dough and holding a pencil. We will practise gross motor skills using different body parts as part of our 'flappy time' and dance sessions. In our learning areas, we have lots of opportunities to try sorting, cutting, threading and more.



Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We focus on our PSED skills daily by encouraging children to take turns, play together and to begin to understand our feelings and emotions. Each week, we will include a story focussing on a particular emotion and talk about our own experience of that feeling.



Expressive Arts and Design

This term, we are focussing on developing key skills such as holding a paintbrush or pencil to express ourselves. We will be creating portraits and making Autumn inspired artworks using natural materials.

