



# St Gregory's Catholic Academy Spring Curriculum Newsletter Reception

Spring Term

## Religious Education

This term, our RE topics are;

Celebrating- We will be thinking about different ways that we celebrate in church and with our community.

Gathering- The children will learn what happens at Mass.

We will end the term with our Lent topic "Growing". We will find out about the season of Lent and how Catholics prepare to celebrate Easter time.



## Literacy

This half term, we will continue to practise letter formation and make sure we check that children are using their pencil correctly. Our playdough provision will help us to develop our fine motor skills and we will continue to practise writing our first name and surname, every day. In phonics, we will continue to recognise, read and write sounds. Through short adult led sessions, as well as enhanced provision and support in their play, all children can be successful and hopefully develop a love of reading and writing. We have begun blending sounds to make words and children will be writing words when they are ready. We will also be developing sentence structure with children. This term we will focus on using a capital letter, full stop and finger spaces between words.



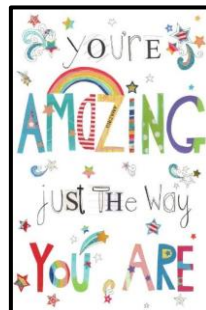
## Mathematics

In Maths we will continue to orally count and point to objects up to 20. We will continue to practise recognising numerals to 20 and placing them in order. To further develop these skills, we will be finding 1 or 2 more/ less than these numbers using a variety of objects. We will learn how to add by counting on and subtract by taking objects away. We will also continue to write number sentences. We will be finding pairs of numbers that make 5 and 10. We will also be learning about mass, capacity and length.



## Understanding the World

This term, we will be learning about people who help us. The children will learn about the different roles of people in our community. This is a wide-ranging topic with plenty of opportunity to make connections between people and places. It includes every aspect of the local community, from friends to childminders and from shopkeepers to fire fighters. We will continue to explore the seasons, initially focusing on winter and finding out how things change in our environment as we move into Spring. The children will develop their scientific knowledge and understanding of the world through practical activities, stories and discussions.



## RSE

This term we will learn about how we are created to love others, exploring how we show kindness and care within our families and friendships. Through age-appropriate activities, we will begin to understand what it means to build happy, healthy relationships and how to keep ourselves safe in our everyday lives.



## Polite Reminders

Reception will continue to have PE on a **Thursday. Homework** will be posted on Class Dojo. Please continue to read with your child 4 times a week.

## Physical Development

This term, we will be learning how to use our bodies in different ways. We will practise moving, balancing, jumping, and dancing, and use props and equipment to help us move safely. We will also play games to help us get better at throwing, catching, kicking, and rolling balls. We will learn how to move safely in space and build our strength, coordination, and confidence.



## Communication and Language

Communication and language are very important in our classroom! In class, we will be continuing to practise holding conversations and participating in class, group and individual discussions. We will read and listen to stories that link to our topic throughout the term. We will also be doing lots of listening to the sounds in words and blending sounds together to read words.



## Personal, Social & Emotional Development

In PSED, we will be developing our relationships with each other by exploring friends and family and what makes a good friend. We will discuss how to keep ourselves safe as well as who can help us.



## Expressive Arts and Design

This term, we will be exploring winter crafts, printing techniques and junk modelling. For our RE topic 'Gathering' We will be making celebration food using salt-dough and painting it. We will use different materials to create collages linked to our Dinosaurs topic and role play stories.

