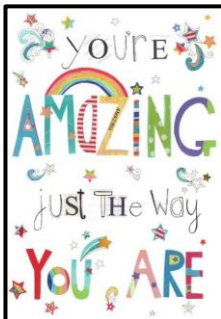




St Gregory's Catholic Academy Summer Curriculum Newsletter Reception

Summer Term 2025



We will continue to use Class Dojo to communicate, share home learning tasks, letters and other important information this term. You can use this to send teachers any work your child has completed at home!

Wellbeing



This term we will be trying our best to talk about how we feel. The stories we share in class contain lots of themes to help us understand why we feel the way we do and we will practice trying to make ourselves and others smile.

Religious Education



This term, we will be exploring some different themes through our RE topics:

Good News- The children will learn about the story of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Friends- We will talk about how we are all friends of Jesus, what Jesus tells us about being a good friend and who Jesus's good friends were.

Our World- For this topic, we will explore God's wonderful world and talk about what we love and wonder about the world around us.

English

This term, we will be working on perfecting our pencil grip to make sure we can form letters and numbers.

The children will be doing a morning writing task each day and we will continue to do lots of activities to help strengthen the muscles in our hands. The children will continue to practise writing their first name and surname everyday.

In phonics, we will continue to read, say and write sounds to help us begin to read, spell and write words. We will be beginning to develop sentence structure with children this term and will focus on using a capital letter, full stop and finger spaces between words. We will be doing lots of writing practise.



Mathematics



In Maths, we will be consolidating our knowledge of numbers to 10. We will be practicing counting on and back to 20, calculations up to 10, the composition of numbers up to 10 and some doubles.

We will continue to practise subitising (the ability to look at a small number of objects and instantly recognise how many objects there are without needing to count) through lots of fun, daily activities. We will be exploring pattern through copying, creating and repeating and investigating simple shapes.

Understanding the World

This term, we will be exploring animals and learning about life under the sea. We will explore differences between a seaside habitat and what it is like for animals living in the rainforest. The children will learn about the characteristics of different animals and their young and explore what they need to survive. Through a variety of stories we will explore different sea life creatures, investigate fossils and make some seaside collages. We will ask the children what they wonder about and encourage them to ask questions. We will be learning about what it would be like to be a pirate.



Communication and Language



We will be practicing our listening skills this term, learning about why it is important to listen carefully. We will continue to develop new vocabulary by talking about what words mean in the stories and books we read and practise using new words in our own sentences. To help develop speech and confidence we will be practicing speaking in full sentences, talking about books that we have read and our own experiences. We will be continuing to learn lots of rhymes, poems and songs. We will be introducing 'Small Talk' which is a show and tell activity that everybody will be invited to take part in.

Physical Development



In PE, this term, we will be developing our ball skills by practicing hand-eye coordination activities. The children will learn different techniques to control a ball and play some simple ball games in groups and pairs. They will also learn the rules of race games such as running, bean bag race, obstacle course and the egg and spoon competition. These activities will help develop hand-eye coordination and energetic movement skills while also preparing them for sports day activities.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development



During the summer term, we will be developing our resilience and perseverance in the face of challenges. We will be thinking about how we can be considerate about the feelings of others and how other people might see something differently or have their own thoughts and ideas. Our topic this term is "**Created to Live in a Community**" which explores the individual's relationship with the wider world. In class we will also continue to encourage playing together, sharing and taking turns.

Expressive Arts and Design



We will be exploring the story of Pentecost through art and drama this term, using props to show feelings and scrap materials to create the Holy Spirit. We will be performing nursery rhymes and choosing materials to create a seaside collage.