

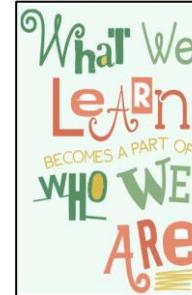


# St Gregory's Catholic Academy Curriculum Newsletter Year 2

Spring Term

## Religious Education

This term in RE we will begin with the topic Books, learning about the special books Christians use, including the Bible and texts read during Mass. We will then move on to Thanksgiving, exploring the meaning of the Eucharist and how Catholics give thanks during Mass. Finally we will cover our Opportunities topic, where we will learn about the season of Lent and how Catholics prepare for the celebration of Jesus' resurrection at Easter.



## Phonics

We will continue to work on our phonics to help us sound out words. Phonics helps us read confidently and spell accurately when we write, and practising our sounds every day helps us become more fluent readers and writers.



## RSE

In RSE, we will explore Created to Love Others, learning how we show love and care in our families and friendships. We will also learn simple ways to build healthy relationships and keep ourselves safe in our everyday lives and online.



## English

This term in English, we will study poetry through The Owl and the Pussycat and create our own Nonsense poems. We will use the stories The Dragon Machine and My Name is Not Refugee to help us write descriptions, narratives, instructions and information texts. In SPaG, we will extend our knowledge of conjunctions and expanded noun phrases and use these in our writing. We will also continue to learn spelling rules to help us spell words correctly, so our writing is easier for others to read and understand. In reading, we will build our retrieval, prediction and inference skills by enjoying daily stories that help us grow our vocabulary and become more fluent, confident readers.



## The Arts

In Art this term, we will explore paper sculpture. We will learn what a sculpture is, how it is different from drawing and painting, and how paper can be shaped and joined to create 3-D forms inspired by different artists. In DT this term, we will design and make a puppet. We will use templates, join fabrics in different ways and decorate our puppets using a range of materials and techniques. In Music this term, we will use Kapow Music to support our learning. We will explore how stories and feelings can be shown through pitch, tempo and dynamics, and learn to describe music as fast or slow, and loud, quiet or silent.



## Maths

This term in Maths, we will learn about money, finding the value of coins and notes and using them to count, make totals and solve problems. We will practise addition and subtraction to help us become more confident with number, as well as working on multiplication and division, especially the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. Later in the term, we will explore measurement, learning how to compare, estimate and measure length, height, mass, capacity and temperature.



## History / Geography

In Geography, we will use world maps to find Oceania and South America, and learn about Australia and Brazil. We will find out what climate means and compare human and physical features in these countries with where we live in the UK. We will learn what a city is, talk about living in a city and discover the Amazon Rainforest and how we can help look after it. In History, we will learn about London in 1666 and compare it to London today. We will find out how the Great Fire of London and the fire in Gateshead/Newcastle started, what happened first, next and last, and why the fires spread so quickly. We will look at pictures and stories from people who were there and learn how firefighting and fire safety have changed because of these fires in the past.

## Science

This term in Science, we will expand our knowledge and vocabulary through the study of Materials. We will learn to identify and compare everyday materials, explain why certain objects are made from them and investigate which are natural and which are man-made. Later in the term, our focus will turn to Electricity. We will explore electricity as a form of energy, understand its uses for lighting, heating, sound, and more, and reflect on how life differs with and without it.



## PE

In PE this term, we will develop our dance skills and later in the term practise ball skills using our feet. PE lessons will take place on Friday, so please ensure your child's PE kit is in school on these days.



## Computing

In our next Computing unit, Creating Media, we will learn about taking photographs. We will find out that different digital devices can be used to take photos. We will practise taking our own pictures, editing them, and making them better. We will also learn that images can be changed, and that not all pictures we see are real.