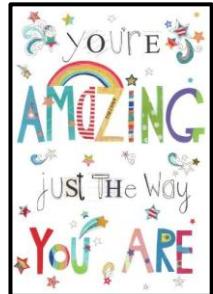




St Gregory's Catholic Academy Curriculum Newsletter Year 4

Autumn Term 2024



ClassDojo

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 have also been discussing how we can build a classroom community surrounded by love for one another.



Religious Education

This term we have four RE topics:

- Domestic Church (Family)
- Judaism (Holy Books – The Torah)
- Reconciliation (Building Bridges)
- Advent/ Christmas (Loving)

RSE

We are all created and loved by God. We will explore this topic during RSE this term by looking at managing our well-being both online and in-person.

English

During this term, as a focus for our writing, we will begin reading the book 'Gorilla', before moving onto 'Greek Myths' in the second part of the term. We will also be recapping some of the writing elements from Year 3, such as; punctuation and using different sentence types. We will apply these skills in a range of different genres including descriptive and narrative writing.



We will continue to practise our handwriting, in order to ensure a fluent, joined writing style. In reading we will continue to use Reading Plus alongside reading in class to further develop our reading skills.



Maths

We will start this term learning about place value. This includes understanding 4 digit numbers, rounding to the nearest 10 and 100 and comparing numbers, before progressing onto addition and subtraction involving 4 digit numbers. We will also consolidate our knowledge of the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables, before moving on to learning the 6 and 7 times tables. Please practise these at home as much as possible!



Science

In our first Science unit, we will learn more about Living Things and their Habitats. In this topic, we will group and identify a variety of living things using classification keys and will also investigate how environments can change, sometimes posing dangers to living things.



Our second topic is animals including humans. In this topic we will learn about our digestive system and the functions of teeth, before finally finishing exploring food chains.

In Computing, we will be applying our knowledge and understanding of networks, and taking an in-depth look at the internet and how to use this safely.

The Arts

In our first Art unit, we will be exploring shapes, lines and colours used in illuminated lettering which features in the Lindisfarne Gospels. Next term, we will be moving on to working with clay and constructing our own clay models. In DT, our focus is "Healthy and varied diet and culture" where we will be cooking our own pizzas using seasonal vegetables and fruit. In Music, we will be beginning to sing and play music alongside listening to a range of different genres.



History / Geography

Our History unit this term will be learning about life in Roman Britain. We will learn about how Britain became part of the Roman Empire and what has been the lasting effect. In Geography, we will build on our previous learning about coasts. We will be looking at the social, economic and environmental impacts of weathering and discover problems about the global sea level rise.



PE

This term we will be taking a close look at invasion games, learning the skills and tactics involved in football before putting these skills into games situations. PE is on a Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure you bring your full PE kit on these days.



MFL

We will be starting our topic with some basic greetings such as hello, goodbye and good morning. This will help us to have simple conversations with each other.