



St Gregory's Catholic Academy Curriculum Newsletter Year 5

Autumn Term



Please make sure you are all connected on ClassDojo so that you do not miss any news or updates specific to Year 5.

Wellbeing



Wellbeing continues to be an important part of our curriculum this year and we will be working with the children to help them to better understand their emotions.

English

In English, through our class texts *Race to the Frozen North* and *Young, gifted and Black* we will continue to reinforce previously taught punctuation and grammar. We will develop our understanding of figurative language and incorporate this into our narrative writing. Our class novel will be *Goodnight Mr. Tom* by Michelle Magorian. We will use this and a range of other text extracts to explore different comprehension question types. Spellings will focus on spelling rules and the statutory words outlined in the national curriculum. The children will continue to receive weekly spellings to practise at home and we will continue to use Reading Plus, alongside reading in class, to further develop our reading skills.

Science/Computing

Our first topic is *Living Things and Their Habitats* where we will focus on how plants and animals reproduce. We will investigate and compare the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird. Animals including humans is our second topic this year. Within this topic, we will look at the lifecycle of a human. In Computing we will learn about different IT systems around the world, how to use databases and explore creating our own images.



The Arts

This term we will be incorporating our learning in History to work on illuminated letters. We will be designing our own illuminated letters and learning about when and why they are used. In DT this term, we will learn what designs make the sturdiest structures and experiment with building our own, before designing our own bird hide. In Music, we will listen with attention to detail and recall sounds with increasing aural memory. We will also appreciate and understand a wide range of high-quality live and recorded music drawn from different traditions and from great composers.



RSE

We will begin with 'Me, My Body, My Health,' which will involve looking at how our bodies change during puberty, before moving on to 'Emotional Wellbeing.'



PE

Year 5 PE days are Wednesday and Thursday. Please ensure all children bring the appropriate kit to school. This term we will be doing long distance running and invasion games.



MFL

Hola!
We will be starting our topic with some basic greetings such as hello, goodbye and good morning before learning about different family members.



Religious Education

During our first topic, *Ourselves*, we delve into "the ideal family" which is found in the Scriptures. God is the loving parent of the human family and Jesus was born and lived in a human family. We will explore our gifts and qualities which can be developed. As we move onto the second topic, *Life Choices*, we explore how our lives are marked by many different experiences of being welcomed into new situations and groups. Our Advent topic will be "Hope" where we wait in anticipation for the coming of Christ.



Maths

In Maths, we will begin with place value which includes reading and writing numbers to 1,000,000, rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1000, 10,000, 100,000 and 1,000,000; comparing and ordering numbers, negative numbers, and Roman numerals. We will then consolidate our skills to add, subtract, multiply and divide; incorporating larger numbers.



History / Geography

Our History topic is *Anglo Saxons and Viking Britain*. We will be building on last year's learning to use chronological order, communicate History, investigate the past and to think and write like a Historian. Our Geography topic will be *Deserts*, where we will be studying which plants and animals live in the desert and how they survive, the factors which create such a hot environment as well as the location of deserts around the world.

