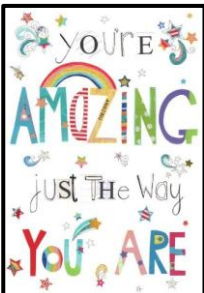




St Gregory's Catholic Academy Curriculum Newsletter Year 6

Autumn Term



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 will continue to focus on our own wellbeing and discuss any emotions as they arrive, including strategies for managing these.



Religious Education

Our first RE topic is 'loving'. We will explore God's love for us and how we can be examples of love to others. Families remain the central hub of love for our children. It would be useful to talk to your children about what family means in your house and how we show each other love. We will then focus on the vocation of the Priesthood and religious life and consider the commitments we make as we get older. In Judaism we will learn about the Jewish festivals on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. Within our Expectations topic, we will explore how Advent is a time of joyful expectation, as we prepare to receive Jesus into our lives and to share this gift with others at Christmas and throughout the year.



English

Over this term, we will write a range of fiction and non-fiction texts based on a variety of stimuli including, pictures, video clips, picture books and short stories. We will also be learning some new grammar and punctuation skills. Our class novels will be Wonder by R.J. Palacio and Holes by Louis Sachar. We will use these 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.



Maths

During autumn term, we will be concentrating on the number system and place value in numbers up to ten million. A further focus will be on using efficient written and mental methods of calculation for all four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. They will also begin to use their arithmetic skills to solve a wide range of increasingly complex problems. We will also work to consolidate their knowledge of multiplication tables and the related division facts, which are so important to the learning of many other concepts in maths for example fractions and percentages.



Science

Our topics in science this term include living things and their habitats and animals including humans. We will discover the reasons why plants and animals are classified based on specific characteristics and will look in detail at the human circulatory system including the dissection of a heart as part of our practical work!

PE - Thursday

This term, we will be focussing on our passing, throwing and teamwork skills in Tag Rugby. After half term, we will focus on fitness development.

Music

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.

History and Geography

Our History topic this term is The Changing Power of the Monarchy. We will learn about what a monarch is, exploring some of the most famous Kings and Queens of England. We will learn how the powers held by these monarchs has changed over time and the impact it has had on life today. Our Geography topic this term is North America. We will begin by finding out about the physical geography of the USA using vocabulary such as hemisphere, longitude, latitude, and continent. We will move on to learn about the formation of a canyon and the causes and impact of hurricanes and wildfires in North America. We will also learn about human interaction with the environment focussing on population, food and farming and climate change.

Art and DT

This term, our Art and DT work will be linked to our Geography topics, North America and Tsunami. In textiles, we will learn about quilting and using different stitches. In Food, we will learn about nutrition, fast food, North American and indigenous foods in America. In Resistant Materials, we will learn about packaging as well as the development of car design. In Art, we will learn about painting, drawing, sculpting and printing, focussing on the work of Adam Brett and Katsushika Hokusai.

MFL

This term we will continue our Spanish lessons, where we will practise greetings and introductions, then learn about other people's ages and other people's birthdays.

RSE

In RSE, our topic is Created and Loved by God. In this topic we will learn about emotional changes, our bodies, our health, emotional wellbeing and life cycles.

Computing

In computing, pupils will learn how data is transferred by working collaboratively online as well as designing and creating web pages.