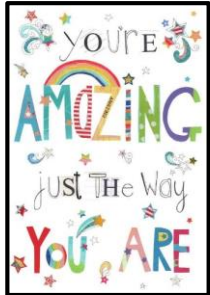




St Gregory's Catholic Academy Spring Curriculum Newsletter Reception

Spring Term



ClassDojo

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

Wellbeing

Wellbeing is very important in Reception! Each week we will be discussing our emotions and reading stories to help give us tools for managing our emotions. We will talk about worries and how to be a good friend.



Religious Education

This term our RE topics are;
Celebrating- We will be thinking about different ways that we celebrate in church and with our community
Islam - Special days/ritual objects – prayer mat
Gathering- The children will learn what happens at Mass.
We will end the term with our Lent topic "Growing". We will find out about the season of Lent and how Catholics prepare to celebrate Easter time.



Literacy

This half term, we will continue to practise letter formation and make sure we check that children are using their pencil correctly. Our playdough provision will help us to develop our fine motor skills, and we will continue to practise writing our first name and surname, every day.
In phonics, we will continue to recognise, read and write sounds. Through short adult led sessions, as well as enhanced provision and support in their play, all children can be successful and hopefully develop a love of reading and writing. We have begun blending sounds to make words and children will be writing words when they are ready. We will also be developing sentence structure with children. This term we will focus on using a capital letter, full stop and finger spaces between words.



Mathematics

In Maths we will continue to orally count and point to objects up to 20. We will continue to practise recognising numerals to 20 and placing them in order. To further develop these skills, we will be finding 1 or 2 more/ less than these numbers using a variety of objects. We will learn how to add by counting on and subtract by taking objects away. We will also continue to write number sentences. We will be finding pairs of numbers that make 10.
We will also be learning 2d shape names and use shapes in play-based activities and games.



Understanding the World

This term, we will be learning about people who help us. The children will learn about the different roles of people in our community. This is a wide-ranging topic with plenty of opportunity to make connections between people and places. It includes every aspect of the local community, from friends to childminders and from shopkeepers to fire fighters. We will continue to explore the seasons, initially focusing on winter and finding out how things change in our environment as we move into Spring. The children will develop their scientific knowledge and understanding of the world through practical activities, stories and discussions.



Communication and Language

Communication and language are very important in our classroom! In class, we will be continuing to practise holding conversations and participating in class, group and individual discussions. We will read and listen to stories that link to our topic throughout the term. We will also be doing lots of listening to the sounds in words and blending sounds together to read words.



Physical Development

This half term we will be practising movement skills through listening to nursery rhymes. Children will practise travelling in different ways, creating their own movements and explore moving at different speeds.



Personal, Social & Emotional Development

In PSED, we will be developing our relationships with each other by exploring friends and family and what makes a good friend. We will discuss how to keep ourselves safe as well as who can help us.



Expressive Arts and Design

This term, we will be exploring winter crafts, printing techniques and junk modelling. For our RE topic 'Gathering' We will be making celebration food using salt-dough and painting it. We will use different materials to create collages linked to our topic work and role play stories.



Polite Reminders

Reception will continue to have PE on a **Monday**.

Homework will be posted on Class Dojo, every other week. Please send us photographs of children's activities and work.

If your child brings home Bob the Bear on a Friday, can we ask you to send photographs, via Class Dojo, of what they get up to over the weekend.