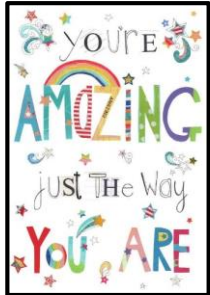




# St Gregory's Catholic Academy Curriculum Newsletter Year 1

Spring Term 2025



Please check Class Dojo regularly to ensure you don't miss any important updates or information.

Thank you!

## Wellbeing



Wellbeing is very important in Year 1! We will continue to discuss our feelings using our feelings chart.

## Religious Education

Our first RE topic is 'Special People' where we will focus on the special people in our families and in Church. Next, we will complete our Islam topic which focuses on special stories and Muhammad.

Following this, we will move onto the topic of "Meals" and learn about the Mass which is a celebration of Jesus' special meal. Our final topic this term will be 'Change' where we will learn about Lent and Easter.



## English

This term we will focus on writing sentences and stories, remembering to include capital letters and full stops. We will explore adding suffixes and prefixes to change words and we will focus on including the word 'and' in our writing. Our writing will be based on the books 'The Lion Inside' and 'Beegu'. Our handwriting skills are developing and we continue to use letter join in school to support this. Please continue to help your child to form letters at home. During our reading for pleasure time, we will be listening to a range of Traditional Tales.



## Maths

This term we will continue to cover place value, with a focus on addition and subtraction within 20 and 50. We will also focus on length, height, mass and volume. Helping your child to form their numbers correctly at home will support their learning in school.



## Science

This term we will explore everyday materials. We will distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made, identify and name a variety of everyday materials and describe their properties, for example wood, plastic, glass and metal. We will also compare and group everyday objects based on their physical properties. compare, topic is forces and magnets. We will explore how objects move and use the vocabulary, speed, direction, acceleration and stopping. We will also explore sinking and floating



## Geography / History

In Geography this term, we will continue our topic 'Where I live'. We are learning what human and physical geography features are and identifying these in our local area. We will also learn to use maps to locate the different continents of the world before moving onto comparing our local geographical features to those in Brazil where Blu from the movie Rio lives.

In history we will study 'George Stephenson and the Railways'. We will learn about his greatest achievement as an engineer – the building of 'The Rocket' and how this was a significant turning point in history at a local and national level. We will then explore how the railways and trains have changed and developed since the building of the 'Rocket.'



## Phonics

This term, we will continue to learn phonic sounds so we can blend and segment words for reading and writing. Don't forget to practise at home!



## PE

Our PE sessions are on a **Wednesday**. This term we will be developing our skills in gymnastics and dance before moving onto developing our ball skills with our feet.



## The Arts

In music, we will be recognising rhythm and learning how to hold a rhythm using instruments.



We will be making paper sculptures in Art and in DT we will design, make and evaluate a strong chair for Baby Bear to sit on without breaking.