



# St Gregory's Catholic Academy Curriculum Newsletter Year 2

Spring Term



## ClassDojo

We will be using Class Dojo to share homework, letters and other important information this term. You can also use this to send teachers any work your child is completing at home!

## Wellbeing



Wellbeing is very important in Year 2! We will be updating our feelings chart daily and discussing how to manage our emotions. We will talk about worries and how to be a good friend.

## Religious Education

In our "Books" topic we will learn about the special books we use as Christians including those used during Mass. After this, we will start our Islam Topic: here we will learn about how Muslims pray at home. Following this, our next topic is "Thanksgiving" here we will discover more about the Eucharist and how we give thanks during Mass. We will end the term with our Lent and Easter topic, "Opportunities". We will find out more about Lent and how Catholics prepare to celebrate Jesus' resurrection at Easter time.



## English

This term in English, we will use the texts 'The Dragon Machine' and 'My Name is Not Refugee' to support our writing. We will be writing descriptions, stories, poetry, instructions and information texts. We will use conjunctions to extend our sentences and expanded noun phrases to add description. Our spelling focus will be on the rules for adding suffixes to words, as well as using our phonic knowledge to spell common exception words. In reading, we will explore and develop our skills of retrieval, prediction and inference. We will be reading stories everyday to build our vocabulary and practice our reading skills. Some of the stories we will listen to are from the 'Dragon Sitter' series.



## Maths

In Maths, we will be learning the value of coins and notes, and will use our knowledge to count money and make different amounts. We will also be learning multiplication and division facts, focussing on our 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables.



Later in the term, we will learn to measure. We will be looking at length, height, mass, capacity and temperature.

## Science

This term we will broaden our scientific knowledge and vocabulary whilst studying Materials. We will be learning to identify and compare everyday materials and explain why objects are made from particular materials. We will also research which materials are man-made, and which are natural.



After that, we will be learning about Electricity. We will be able to recognise that electricity is a form of energy and is used for lighting, heating, sound and much more. We will also compare life with and without electricity.

## History / Geography

In Geography, we will be learning about 'The Planet' where we will further develop our knowledge of the seven continents and the five oceans and understand the need for the oceans. We will explore the equator, what it is and where to find it on a globe. We will also learn about the northern and southern hemispheres. Finally, we will investigate climate change and look at the effect it is having on our planet.

Our History topic this term is 'The Fire of London,' here we will learn about the disaster that happened in London and undertake research to establish what measures were taken to ensure it could not happen again.



## The Arts

This term in Art we will be focussing on sculpture where we will be exploring African masks. In DT we will design, make and evaluate a small wheeled trolley that we could use to carry equipment.



In Music, we will be learning to use our voices expressively and creatively by singing songs, speaking chants and rhymes.

## PE

In PE, we will be developing our skills in dance and later in the term we will practice our running skills including a focus on developing our stamina. This term, PE will be on a Wednesdays.



## Phonics

We will be continuing to work on our phonics to help us to decode words. We will also be focussing on 'Fred in the head' to become more fluent in our reading.

