



# St Gregory's Catholic Academy Curriculum Newsletter Year 5

Spring Term

Always BELIEVE IN yourself



## 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 will continue to focus on our own mental health and wellbeing, as well as how to support each other. From this, we will have lots of discussion around our feelings and how to deal with feelings or worry.



## Religious Education

Our local church topic this term is 'Mission'. In this topic we learn how the Christian family is made up of smaller Christian families called dioceses, led by a bishop. Following this we will complete our Islam topic, with a focus of beliefs/ festivals – Ramadan and pilgrimage. Next, our Eucharist topic- 'Memorial'- reminds us of the sacrifice in the Jewish sense of remembering. It makes present a past reality. Our final topic this term, will be our Lent/ Easter topic- 'Sacrifice'. Within this we will learn about the betrayal, arrest and sacrifice of Jesus in the lead up to Good Friday.



## English

We will be reading and writing different myths this half term, and finding out the origins of these stories. After half term we will move onto non-fiction writing and discover a range of biographies. We will continue to learn new sentence types and punctuation that will support with this, as well as further developing our vocabulary. We will then progress on to balanced arguments.

For reading, we will continue to carry out regular whole class reading as well as progressing on Reading Plus. It is important that children also access this at home.



## Maths

To begin with we will continue with our fractions topic before moving onto multiplication and division. For this it is important that children are secure with all times tables and be able to apply these facts to find factors, square numbers, cube numbers and multiply and divide larger numbers. Please encourage your child to continue to practise their times tables every day to ensure they are fluent and have quick recall of these facts. We will also be covering measurement including area and perimeter. After this, we will be returning to the topic of fractions, where again it is extremely important to be secure with all times tables facts.



## Science

We begin this term learning about materials and their properties. We are looking forward to finding out which mixtures can be separated, what happens when things dissolve and what the difference is between a reversible and irreversible change.

We will then move on to Sound, within which we will learn about sound waves, calculating the speed of sound and the range of frequencies that humans and animals can hear.



## History / Geography

Our geography topic is Biomes- Deserts. In this topic, we will build on our prior knowledge of biomes and investigate deserts. We will learn the features of hot deserts and explore how humans use the desert. In addition, we will further our knowledge of habitats and discover how different plants and animals have adapted in order to survive in desert conditions.

Our History topic this term is the Home Front. We will be learning about what life was like during the World Wars and what we can still learn from this today.



## The Arts

This term we are focussing portraits. We are looking at the different shapes used to help drawing portraits, the proportions of the face and how to use light and shadow.



In music we will continue working with Miss York from TVMS. We will continue learning how to play a range of chords on the ukulele.

## PE

Our PE lessons for Spring will begin with Dance. We will then be attending swimming lessons where we will learn different Swimming techniques and water safety.



## MFL

In Spanish this half term, we will focus on seasons, dates, family, numbers, pets and animals.

