



St Gregory's Catholic Academy Curriculum Newsletter Nursery

Autumn Term 2022

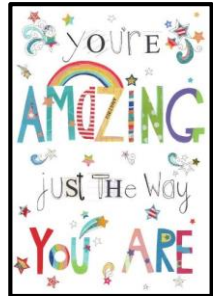
Wellbeing

We will be reading stories about our emotions, talking about our feelings and things that make us happy.



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Religious Education

Our RE topics this term are Myself, Judaism, Welcome and Celebrating. We will be learning the names of our new friends in Nursery and talking about how we are all special to God. Children will also learn about the special objects on our prayer focus table and why they are so important to us. Later on, we will explore how our church welcomes us. As we enter the season of Advent, our focus will be on preparing for Christmas and what this means for Christians.



Literacy

This term, our topics are **All About Me** and **Celebrations**. As part of our topics, we will read lots of stories including *The Colour Monster*, *Monkey Puzzle*, *Little Red Riding Hood* and *The Gruffalo*. We will talk about things we like and things we don't. We will be drawing pictures of ourselves and writing on paper, card and whiteboards do develop our mark making skills. We will also begin to work on name writing.



Mathematics

Counting objects and recognising numerals to 5 is our key number objective this term. Each week, we will focus on a number, which we will then return to later in the term in order to consolidate and build on our learning and understanding. In addition, we will spend time counting out loud beyond 5. Each week will also focus on a shape. In the first half term we are exploring 2-d shapes and we will move onto 3-d shapes later in the term. We will enjoy searching for these shapes around school.



Understanding the World

Our focus this autumn is our body and our family. We will talk about our body parts, how we have grown and how to stay healthy. This will include looking at ourselves, exercising and trying healthy food. As the seasons change, we will spend time observing what is different and learn more about Autumn and Winter. As we move onto our Celebrations topic, our focus will turn towards how different religions, cultures and countries celebrate.



Communication and Language

Every day, we spend time talking about stories and playing games that require speaking and listening skills. Over the course of this term, every child, working in small groups, will take part in BLAST, a communication and language programme. The aim of this is to improve concentration, focus, language and speech. Alongside this, we will listen to environmental sounds on our Weekly Wander and discuss what we are hearing. Each day, we will encourage the children to ask and then answer questions.



Physical Development

In Nursery we focus regularly on large and fine motor skills. This term we will be practising balancing, climbing, sitting and standing. To improve our fine motor skills we will spend time each week manipulating play dough and holding a pencil. In our areas we have lots of opportunities to try sorting, cutting, threading and more.



Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We focus on our PSED skills daily by encouraging children to take turns, play together and to begin to understand our feelings and emotions. Each week we will include a story focussing on a particular emotion and talk about our own experience of that feeling.



Expressive Arts and Design

This term we are focussing on developing key skills such as holding a paintbrush or pencil to express ourselves. We will be creating portraits and making Autumn inspired artworks using natural materials.

