

# St Gregory's Catholic Academy Curriculum Newsletter Year 1

Autumn Term





Please ensure that Dojo is checked regularly for any messages or updates.

# <u>Wellbeing</u>

We will be focussing on our emotions and how to be a good friend to others. We will be looking at stories including 'The Colour Monster' and 'Worrysaurus'.

# Religious Education

Our first RE topic is 'Families' where we will focus on who we have in our family. Children will explore the different ways in which we can show love to our family members and God's love towards us. After this, we will start our next topic 'Belonging', where we will discover more about the Sacrament of Baptism. We will end the term by studying 'Waiting' where will find out more about Advent and how Catholics prepare for and celebrate Christmas.



# **English**

This term in English we will review how to write our names correctly and write labels, captions and lists. We will also start to compose and write simple sentences. Our spellings will focus on learning the Year 1 common exception words.

#### Maths

We will begin this term with a focus on place value. We will count to and across 50 and focus on learning to write the numbers 1 to 20 in words and numerals. Children will also learn to identify and represent numbers using objects and pictorial representations including the number line, and use the language of: equal to, more than, less than (fewer), most and least.



# <u>Science</u>

This term we will broaden our scientific knowledge and vocabulary whilst studying materials. We will learn to name different everyday materials and investigate their properties.



We will also focus on the seasonal changes that occur throughout Autumn and Winter.

# History/ Geography

Our first Geography topic is 'Where I Live.' During this topic we will learn about our local area and carry out some fieldwork. We will also explore different types of houses and homes. Our focus will then turn to learning about the United Kingdom.

In History, we will be learning about '**The Gunpowder Plot**' and explore the origins of Bonfire Night.

## The Arts

This term we will be enjoying an Art Day and a DT Day to focus our learning! To celebrate International Dot Day we will build our confidence alongside our drawing and painting skills when we experiment with making different marks. In November, we will be using our DT skills in order to help some well-loved story characters solve a range of problems. Look for the results of our learning on ClassDojo and our school website.

#### **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!

### <u>PE</u>

PE will be every

Wednesday and we will
focus on developing our
balls skills.

