



St Gregory's Catholic Academy Curriculum Newsletter Year 2

Autumn Term



We will be using Class Dojo to share homework, letters and other important information this term. You can 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 to others.



Religious Education

In our "Beginnings" topic we will learn about the Creation Story, starting our day with prayer and thanking God for our beginnings. After this, we will look at Judaism. We will then start our next topic, "Signs and Symbols" where we will discover more about the Sacrament of Baptism. We will end the term by studying "Preparations." We will find out more about Advent and how Catholics prepare to celebrate Christmas.



English

This term in English we will write labels, captions and lists. We will also write stories and poems to entertain before moving onto writing instructions to inform. We will use conjunctions to extend our sentences and adjectives to add description. Our spelling focus will be on the Year 1 common exception words and Year 2 spelling rules. In our phonics lessons, we will begin to explore the skills of retrieval, prediction and inference. Each week we will enjoy reading stories together.



Maths

In Autumn 1 we will cover Place Value. We will count, recognise the place value of and write numbers to 100. We will count in multiples of 2s, 5s, 10s and 3's and, given a number, identify 10 more and 10 less. We will also compare and order numbers to 100.



Later on in the term, we will improve our addition and subtraction skills, increasing our fluency and problem solving. We will also look at money and begin to recognise different coins and notes.

Science

This term we will broaden our scientific knowledge and vocabulary whilst studying Living Things and their Habitats. We will be distinguishing between things that are alive, dead and have never been alive. Also, we will be looking into the habitats of different plants and animals to understand why they are important.



History / Geography

In Geography, we will learn about 'Planet Earth.' We will locate the seven continents on a map and name them. We will also identify some of the features of the different continents and begin to explain the difference between a continent and a country. Our history topic this term is Toys Past and Present. We will learn key facts about old and new toys and explore the Victorian period. We will compare toys from the past and present.



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 create collages on dots and paint still-life about what makes us happy. In November we will be challenged by some well-loved story characters to help them using our DT skills. Look for the results of our learning on ClassDojo and our school website.



PE

This term PE will be on a Wednesday. We will begin by using our hands to develop our ball skills. In Autumn 2 we will be learning gymnastics.



Phonics

We will be continuing to develop our phonic sounds and will practice using these to blend new/trickier words. Please continue to read with your child at home to support them with their reading.

