



St Gregory's Catholic Academy Curriculum Newsletter Year 2

Spring Term



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 next topic, "Thanksgiving" where we will discover more about the Eucharist and how we give thanks during Mass. We will end the term with our Lent 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 write 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.



In reading, we will explore the skills of retrieval, prediction and inference. We will be reading stories everyday to build our vocabulary and practice our reading skills. This term our class novels will be 'Meerkat Mail' and 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark'.

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's, 5's, 10's and 3 times tables.



Later on 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 Animals Including Humans. We will learn to describe the life cycles of different animals, how mothers care for their babies and how to care for our pets. We will also learn more about healthy eating and how to take care of our health.



We will then move on to study Plants and their life cycles.

History / Geography

In Geography, we will be learning about Antarctica. We will explore features of Antarctica on a map using an Atlas. We will also learn about what the climate is like in Antarctica for animals and scientists.



Our History topic this term is Explorers. We will follow the journeys of Christopher Columbus, Captain Cook and Neil Armstrong. We will find out what they discovered and the impact they made on history.

The Arts

This term in Art we will be focussing on colour and paint. In DT we will be concentrating on construction.



In Music, we will be learning to listen and appraise rock music. We will also be learning to perform the song 'I wanna play in a band'.

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 Tuesday and Friday.



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.

