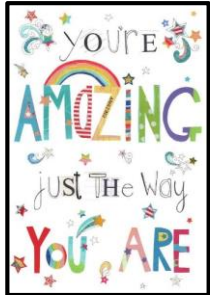




# St Gregory's Catholic Academy Curriculum Newsletter Year 4

Autumn Term 2022



Important information and homework will be shared on Class Dojo. Please ensure you are connected in order to keep up to date.

## Wellbeing



We have been discussing our thoughts and feelings about being back at school, as well as any concerns that anyone may have. We have also been discussing kindness, what it looks like and how we can be kind to one another to ensure we all feel welcomed and loved.

## Religious Education

This term we will have four RE topics:

- Domestic Church (Family)
- Reconciliation (Building Bridges)
- Judaism (Holy Books – The Torah)
- Advent/ Christmas (Loving)



## RSE

We are all created and loved by God. Children will explore this topic during RSE this term.

## English

During this term, we will begin reading the book 'Escape to Pompeii' as a basis for our lessons and will use this, as a focus for our writing.

We will also be recapping some of the writing elements from Year 3, such as; punctuation and using different sentence types. We will apply these skills in a range of different genres including descriptive and narrative writing.

We will continue to practise our handwriting, in order to ensure a fluent, joined writing style.



## Maths

We will start this term learning about place value. This includes understanding 4 digit numbers, rounding to the nearest 10 and 100 and comparing numbers, before progressing onto addition and subtraction involving 4 digit numbers. We will also consolidate our knowledge of the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables, before moving on to learning the 6 times tables. Please practise these at home as much as possible!



## Science

In our first science topic, we will be learning about Living Things and their Habitats.

We will learn how to use classification keys to help group and identify a variety of living things. We will also find out how environments can change and how this can sometimes pose dangers to living things.

Our second topic this term will be Animals (including humans). Here we will learn about our digestive system and the functions of teeth, before finally finishing exploring food chains.



## History / Geography

Angry Earth is our first Geography topic. We will be finding out about the structure of the earth, leading into volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis.

Our History unit, Ancient Greece, will commence after half term. We will learn about who the Ancient Greeks were, the different Greek gods, the story of the Trojan horse and how democracy began.



## The Arts

This term we will be enjoying an Art Day and a DT Day to focus our learning. We will be base our art on the story 'The Dot'. The children will be challenged to explore a range of drawing materials to create art using dots as their starting points. In November, we will be using our DT skills in order to help some well-loved story characters solve a range of problems.

In music, we will focus initially on the work of ABBA in our unit Mamma Mia. We will listen to and appraise songs, play instruments, compose and perform our creations. In Y4, we have also introduced a 'Song of the Day' where the children are exposed to different genres of music and artists.



## PE

This term we will be taking a close look at invasion games, learning about the skills and tactics involved in football before putting these skills into games situations. PE is on a Tuesday so please come in your kit on this day.



## MFL

We will be starting our topic with some basic greetings such as hello, goodbye and good morning. This will help us to have simple conversations with each other.

