



# St Gregory's Catholic Academy Curriculum Newsletter Year 5

Spring Term

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BELIEVE IN  
yourself



## ClassDojo

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

## Wellbeing

We will continue to focus on our own mental health and wellbeing, as well as how to support each other during these unprecedented times. From this, we will have lots of discussion around our feelings and how to deal with feelings or worry.



## Religious Education

Our local church topic this term is Mission. In this topic we learn how the Christian family is made up of smaller Christian families called dioceses, led by a bishop. Next, our Eucharist topic- Memorial- reminds us of the sacrifice in the Jewish sense of remembering. It makes present a past reality. Our final topic this term, will be our Lent/ Easter topic- Sacrifice. Within this we will learn about the betrayal, arrest and sacrifice of Jesus in the lead up to Good Friday.



## English

We begin this term by looking at different genres, focussing on scary and mystery fiction. We will be applying these genres to our writing to create tension and suspense. Over the term we will continue to learn new sentence types and punctuation that will support with this, as well as further developing our vocabulary. We will then progress on to balanced arguments. For reading, we will continue to carry out regular whole class reading as well as accessing Reading Plus. It is important that children also access this at home.



## Maths

To begin with we will continue with our multiplication and division topic. For this it is important that children are secure with all times tables, in order to apply these facts to find factors, square numbers, cube numbers and to multiply and divide larger numbers. Please continue to practise your times tables every day to make sure you know them really well. We will then be covering measurement, and studying area and perimeter. After this, we will be looking at the topic of fractions, where again it is extremely important to be secure with all times tables facts.



## Science

We begin this term by completing our topic on forces, where we are learning about air resistance, including making parachutes, water resistance and friction. We will then move on to Earth and Space, within which we will learn the names of the different planets within our solar system. We will also find out about the movement of Earth and other planets around the Sun, as well as the moon's movement around Earth.



## History / Geography

Our History topic this term is Crime and Punishment. Within this, we will look at how punishments have changed from the Romans through to modern times, including Anglo-Saxons, Medieval times and the Victorian era. Our geography topic is Biomes- Deserts. We will begin with learning about what a biome is, before exploring deserts and discovering how plants and animals have adapted in order to survive in desert conditions.



## The Arts

This term we are focussing on painting in art. We will be focusing on different use of colour and to create sandy paintings linked to our geography topic.



In music we will be investigating the dimensions of music for example the pulse, rhythm, pitch. The children will also learn how to compose a piece of music using a graphic score.

## PE

Our PE lessons for Spring will begin with Gymnastics, before moving on to invasion games. Our PE slots are Monday and Tuesday this term.



## MFL

In Spanish this half term, we will focus on seasons, dates, family, numbers, pets and animals.

