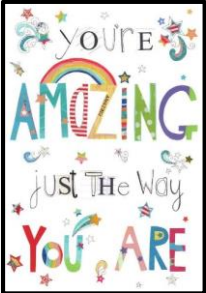




# St Gregory's Catholic Academy Curriculum Newsletter Year 6

Autumn Term



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 will continue to focus on our own wellbeing and discuss any emotions as they arrive, including strategies for managing these.

## Religious Education



Our first RE topic is 'loving'. We will explore God's love for us and how we can be examples of love to others. Families remain the central hub of love for our children. It would be useful to talk to your children about what family means in your house and how we show each other love. We will then focus on the vocation of the Priesthood and religious life and considered the commitments we make as we get older. Within our Expectations topic, we will explore how Advent is a time of joyful expectation, as we prepare to receive Jesus into our lives and to share this gift with others at Christmas and throughout the year.

## English

Over this term, we will write a range of fiction and non-fiction texts based on a variety of stimuli including, pictures, video clips, picture books and short stories. We will also be learning some new grammar and punctuation skills. Our class novels will be Wonder by R.J. Palacio and Holes by Louis Sachar. We will use these and a range of other text extracts to explore different comprehension question types. Spellings will focus on spelling rules and the statutory words outlined in the national curriculum.



## Maths

During autumn term, we will be concentrating on the number system and place value in numbers up to ten million. A further focus will be on using efficient written and mental methods of calculation for all four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. They will also begin to use their arithmetic skills to solve a wide range of increasingly complex problems. We will also work to consolidate their knowledge of multiplication tables and the related division facts, which are so important to the learning of many other concepts in maths for example fractions and percentages.



## Science

In our first Science unit, we will learn more about living things and their habitats. We will explore how to classify plants and animals according to their characteristics. The children will investigate other living things such as micro-organisms like yeast and bacteria, and toadstools and mushrooms. We will then move on to learning more about animals including humans. In this topic, we will learn more about the human circulatory system.



## History / Geography

Our Geography topic this term is North America. We will begin by finding out about the physical geography of the USA using vocabulary such as hemisphere, longitude, latitude, and continent. We will move on to learn about the formation of a canyon and the causes and impact of hurricanes and wildfires in North America. We will also learn about human interaction with the environment focussing on population, food and farming and climate change. Our History topic this term is Black History. We will learn about the origins of African Americans, the Jim Crow Laws and African American Civil Rights. We will also discover how we came to have today's Royal Family and discuss who should make decisions in our country.



## 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 look at the work of Piet Mondrian. 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 Class Dojo and our school website. In music we will be looking at the history of music and appraising different styles of music including Pop, Motown and Jazz.

## PE

Y6 PE is on a Thursday and Friday  
This term, we will be focussing on our passing, throwing and teamwork skills in Tag Rugby. After half term, we will focus on fitness development.



## MFL

This term we will continue our Spanish lessons, where we will practise greetings and introductions, then learn about other people's ages and other people's birthdays.

