St Gregory's Catholic Academy Curriculum Newsletter Year 2
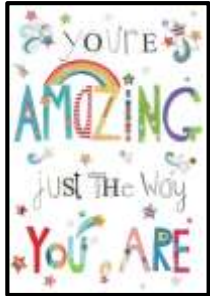
ClassDojo

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! Each week we will be discussing our emotions and reading stories to help give us strategies for managing our emotions. We will talk about worries and how to be a good friend.

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 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. We will use conjunctions to extend our sentences and adjectives to add description. Our spelling focus will be on the Year 1 and 2 common exception words, as well as using our phonic knowledge to spell.
In reading, we will explore the skills of retrieval, prediction and inference. We will start by discussing images and then look at short texts linked to our topics. Each week we will enjoy reading stories together.

Maths

This half term 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 and 10s 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 more closely at 2D and 3D shapes.

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.

History / Geography

Our history topic this term is the Gunpowder Plot. We will learn key facts and ask questions about this important event. We will compare the past and how life was in 1605.

In Geography, we will learn about the world, improve our map skills and explore different continents.

The Arts

This term we are focussing on creativity and imagination in Art! We will explore drawing, painting and sculpture focussing on the story "The Dot." Look out for our virtual gallery coming later this term!

In Design Technology we are finding out more about healthy food and where our food comes from. We will consider what makes a healthy lunch and how to prepare food safely.

PE

This term PE will be on a Thursday and we will be developing our teambuilding skills. We will also be improving our speed, agility, throwing and catching skills. Please come to school on a Thursday in your PE kit.

Phonics

In November we will take our Phonics screening test. We will be spending this half term practicing and consolidating our knowledge of our Set 1, 2 and 3 sounds. Don't forget to practice at home too!