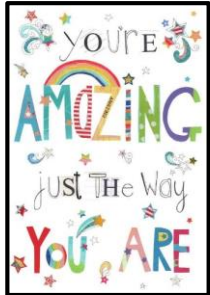




St Gregory's Catholic Academy Curriculum Newsletter Year 3

Autumn Term



ClassDojo

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

Wellbeing



After the experiences of Lockdown, the focus of our work is to settle the children back into the new school routine and provide them with opportunities to process their experiences of the pandemic. We will look at the importance of self confidence and resilience.

Religious Education

Our first RE topic is 'Homes'. In this topic, we will learn God's dream for every family and think about "What makes a house a home?" We will explore how God is present in every home and this is expressed in the love that binds the family together. Next, we explore the theme of 'Promises' and think about the meaning of the commitment made at Baptism and ask ourselves, "Why do we make promises?" Finally, our Advent topic is called, 'Visitors.' We will learn to recognise that Advent is a time of waiting for the coming of Jesus.



English

In our writing lessons this term, we will learn about how to entertain our reader. We will be exploring different genres including narrative, description and poetry. In spelling lessons, we are looking at key words and will begin to learn to spell Year 3 key words once Key Stage 1 words are secure. Handwriting will focus on developing a cursive handwriting style.

To improve our reading skills, we will focus on key texts such as Here we Are, The Dot, The Egyptian Cinderella, The Owl Who is Afraid of the Dark and extracts from George's Marvelous Medicine.



Maths

In our maths lessons, we will begin with Place Value. We will learn to read and write numbers up to 1000 in numerals and in words recognising the place value of each digit in a three-digit number. We will learn to count from 0 in multiples of 4, 8, 50 and 100. We will confidently find 10 or 100 more or less than a given number. Next, we will move on to Addition and Subtraction and learn to add and subtract numbers with up to three digits, using formal written methods. Finally, this term we will study Multiplication and Division. Following some recapping of earlier work, our children will be introduced to the 3, 4 and 8 times tables.



Science

Our first topic this term is 'Rocks'. The children will be comparing and grouping together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties

Then we will describe, in simple terms, how fossils are formed. Finally, we will examine soil and find out what it is made up from.

Then we focus on 'Animals, including Humans.' We will learn about nutrition and the needs of humans and other animals. Then we will learn about the role of the skeleton and muscles to support, protect and aid the movement of an animal.



History / Geography

Our Geography topic this term is 'Seaside Rocks: changing coastlines.' We will be exploring the big question, "How do coasts change over time?" We will find out about the key features of coastlines and the impact of erosion. Finally, we will discover how humans have responded to our changing coastlines.

In History, we are learning about the Ancient Egyptians. We will try to answer the question, "Who were the Ancient Egyptians?" and where they fit in the history of civilizations. We will look at sources of historical information such as the Rosetta Stone and the Tomb of Tutankhamun.

The Arts

Inspired by the story of the 'The Dot' by Peter H Reynolds, we will explore the theme, Making Your Mark which encourages all our children to see themselves as artists. Look out for our virtual gallery coming later this term!

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

In music all our learning is focused around one song: Let Your Spirit Fly. The children will learn and/or build on their knowledge and understanding about the interrelated dimensions of music.

PE

This term we will have PE on **Tuesday** afternoon. Please come to school in your kit. We will be developing our games skills and will begin to play more competitive games, developing tactics for attacking and defending.



MFL

We will begin with a 'Meet and Greet' unit which will teach our children about the basics of the Spanish language. They will learn to greet each other, exchange names, ask how someone is, count to ten and say how old they are.

