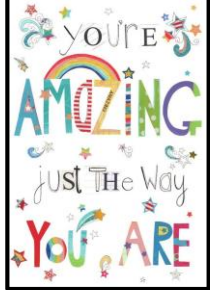




St Gregory's Catholic Academy Curriculum Newsletter Year 5

Autumn Term



Please make sure you are all connected on ClassDojo so that you do not miss any news or updates specific to Year 5.

Wellbeing



We will be focussing on our own mental health and 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



During our first topic, Ourselves, we delve into “the ideal family” which is found in the Scriptures. God is the loving parent of the human family and Jesus was born and lived in a human family. We will explore our gifts and qualities which can be developed. As we move onto the second topic, Life Choices, we explore how our lives are marked by many different experiences of being welcomed into new situations and groups.

English

Our class story is a picture book called ‘We Are Here’ by Oliver Jeffers. The focus of this story is to look at mental health and wellbeing in order to support children on their learning journey as they return to school. We will be creating a wealth of writing linked to this text and their own wellbeing, as well as addressing any concerns or worries that the children may have. Our class text is ‘The Boy at the Back of the Class’ by Onjali Rauf.



Maths

We will start off the year recapping place value of numbers as it is vital that all children have a secure understanding of numbers. Areas we will cover in this topic include: reading and writing numbers to 1,000,000; rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1000, 10,000, 100,000 and 1,000,000; comparing and ordering numbers; negative numbers; and Roman numerals.



Science

Living Things and Their Habitats is our first topic this year. As part of their life cycle, plants and animals reproduce and within this topic we will explore how they do this. Children will use and develop keys and other information records to identify, classify and describe living things and materials, and identify patterns that might be found in the natural environment.



History / Geography

Our geography topic is The Japanese Tsunami of 2011. We will explore where Japan is, what happened, why it happened, the long-term and short-term effects, and the primary and secondary effects of the tsunami. Our history topic is The Changing Power of the Monarchy. This topic travels through time to look at the difference between absolute monarchy and constitutional monarchy, those that have sat on the throne and how they ruled, and the line of succession.



The Arts

In art, we will use some ideas from the story “The Dot” by Peter H Reynolds and explore the idea that everyone is an artist. We will try to gain insight into how art is varied and wide ranging. We will look at pencil control and learn to positively evaluate our own and others' work. 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

Year 5 PE day is Tuesdays. Please ensure all children are dressed in the appropriate PE kit. This term we will be doing tag rugby.



MFL

Hola!
In Spanish, we will be looking at which countries speak Spanish, classroom instructions and greetings.

