

St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School



We give thanks to God, work together and always try our best.

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter: Autumn

Message from Year Two staff

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to welcome the children back to school after the summer holidays and hope you all had a wonderful break together. The children have returned with smiles on their faces and are ready for an exciting year ahead.

Year 2 is an important and enjoyable year in Key Stage 1, and we are looking forward to supporting the children as they continue to grow in confidence, independence and learning. We have lots of exciting topics and experiences planned, and we can't wait to share them with you throughout the year.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to working together to make this a happy and successful year for all of our children.

Key Information

PE

Your child's PE days are Tuesday and Thursday. This term they will be taught by Mr. Morris on a Tuesday and myself on a Thursday. Children should come into school wearing their full PE kit on these days.

Reading Diaries

Reading diaries should be brought into school every day so that reading books are available to be read at any point during the week, either independently or with an adult.

Homework

Homework will be sent home on a Friday to be returned no later than the following Wednesday.

Water Bottles

Your child now has their own St Gregory's water bottle which they will use in school. This can be left at school overnight where it will be cleaned ready for the next day.

Autumn Term learning in Year Two

RE: This year, we will begin teaching Religious Education through the new Religious Education Directory (RED): To Know You More Clearly, introduced by the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. The curriculum is organised into six "branches" of learning throughout the year. During the Autumn Term, Year 2 will study **Creation and Covenant** and **Prophecy and Promise**.

Creation and Covenant and **Prophecy and Promise** are the two branches of RE that Year 2 will study this term. Children will explore God's creation and the covenant He made with Noah, learning that every person is created and loved by God and that we have a responsibility to care for our world. They will also learn about God's promises and how the prophets prepared people for the coming of Jesus, focusing on the stories of the Annunciation, the Visitation and the Nativity as we journey through Advent.

Maths: We will start the year working with numbers within 100. We will learn to recognise tens and ones within a number, compare numbers and find numbers on number lines. After developing our number confidence, we will move on to adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers.

English: This term we will create work based around 'Traction Man' by Mini Grey. We will be creating our own comic strips and writing an adventure story about Traction Man's next adventure. We will then create wanted posters for some of the villains that Traction Man defeats on his adventures. Throughout this unit we will look at nouns, adjectives and expanded noun phrases, as well as different sentence types and punctuation.

In **Science**, we will study living things. We will know how to recognise if something is living, dead or has never been alive. We will also investigate food chains, focusing on producers and consumers.

In **History**, we will be learning about The Great Fire of London and how buildings and firefighting have changed over time.

In **Geography**, our topic is 'Handa's African Adventure' - we will be learning about and comparing an area of Africa with an area of the UK, looking at buildings, animals and weather.

In **French**, your child is continuing to practise every day greetings and numbers.

In **R.S.H.E**, our topics is 'Me, My Body, My Health'. We will be learning about what makes us unique and how to take care of our own body.

In **Design Technology** we will design, make and evaluate our own sandwich.

In **Art**, we will be investigating the use of tone to turn 2D drawings into 3D shapes. We will be using these skills to create still life images using mixed media.

In **Music**, the children will listen to a range of music, singing while creating a beat and learning to sing in rounds. We will also use rhythm grids to create our own rhythms using 3 beats in a bar.

In **computing**, we will begin by investigating the uses of technology in school and in the wider world.