

St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School



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

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter: Autumn

Message from Year Four staff

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to welcome back all the children in Year four this week. They all look so smart in their uniforms. We are looking forward to a busy autumn term with lots of exciting things going on in school.

Miss Watson

Key Dates:

Bike Ability (Level 1) - Monday 9th November, one day.

Key Information

PE

Your child's PE days are Tuesday and Thursday. Children should come into school wearing their full PE kit on these days.

Homework

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

Autumn Term learning in Year Four

RE: This term our R.E. work focuses upon the call of Abraham and Sarah who become models of faith; prayer and obedience to God and His eternal covenant with them; recognising the Christian theological virtues; and, their relationship to prayer. We will also explore the story of the prophet Elijah and how he pre-figured the life and preaching of John the Baptist; considering Christian beliefs of Jesus 'coming in glory' expressed in the Nicene Creed.

Maths: This term we will be learning about the following concepts: Reasoning with large numbers, Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division and Discrete and continuous data. We will also begin learning and consolidating times tables.

English: This term we will begin by learning about fables and traditional tales using a collection of traditional fables compiled by Michael Rosen. We will then move on to writing portal stories inspired by The lion, the witch and the wardrobe. Another unit of work this term is a poetry unit where we will be learning about narrative poetry and exploring poems about Trafalgar Day. Children will then use this learning to inspire their own poems.

Other Curriculum Areas

In **Science**, we will study animals including humans and materials. We will learn about food chains and eating and digestion in science, including the types of teeth and their functions. We will investigate the different properties of solids, liquids and gasses and how states of matter can be changed. We will learn about the particle structure inside these materials.

In **History**, we will study the ancient Greeks and learn about how they lived, including the development of democracy.

In **Geography**, we will be learning about the journey of a river and learning more about our local river, the Tyne.

In **French**, we will be covering the topic *Myself and Others* which includes learning vocabulary about our families.

In **R.S.H.E** we will be learning about the Sacraments celebrated in church. We will also cover individual differences and changing bodies.

In **Design Technology** we will design, make and evaluate a pasta sauce.

In **Art** we will investigate illuminated letters and learn about the book of Kells. Children will look at designs

In **Music**, we will learn about rhythm in various pieces of music. We will learn about The Orchestra song and Under Pressure identifying guitar riffs and bass. We will learn to sing *Lean on me* and explore four bar rhythms.

In **computing** we will begin by learning about computer networks and how our devices connect online. We will explore ownership of material on the internet including e-safety. We will also learn about animating letters in our computer science topic.