

St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School



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

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter: Autumn 2026

Message from Year Five staff

Dear Parents,

I am really looking forward to teaching the Year 5 children again this year, and they have already settled in well this week. We have another trainee teacher working with us this year, Mr. MacLaughlan. He has met the children, and they are really looking forward to working with him. We are looking forward to seeing you all as the year progresses.

Mr. Faircloth & Mr. MacLaughlan

Key dates for the Diary

Bikeability: 16th-19th November

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 to be returned no later than the following Wednesday.

Water Bottles

Your child has a new St. Gregory's water bottle which will be sent home each day to be cleaned and refilled.

Autumn Term learning in Year Five

RE: This term we will begin our new RE scheme, The Way. We will begin by learning about Creation and Covenant which will include learning the story of Moses and the Burning bush. We will learn about the Sinai covenant and the Ten Commandments. We will learn about Sin and how to repair our relationships with our friends and with God. We will also learn about the most important Commandment.

Maths: This term in maths we consolidate learning from Year Four, then we explore reasoning with large whole numbers and integer addition and subtraction. We then move onto line graphs and timetables, in real life scenarios. Next, we learn how to multiply and divide numbers by 10, 100 and 1000 using calculation strategies. We will then investigate area and perimeter and estimate the area of non-rectilinear shapes.

English: Our whole class text this term is Beowulf. We will explore the text and will create a range of written pieces including a newspaper report, a biography and then we will write our own heroic story.

Other Curriculum Areas

In **Science**, we will study Earth and Space and investigate forces and magnets.

In **History**, we will study Anglo Saxons which links closely with our class text Beowulf. We will also have the opportunity to visit Jarrow Hall to extend our learning.

In **Geography**, we will study Natural Resources.

In **French**, your child is continuing to practise every day conversational French in the topic out and about.

In **R.S.H.E** your child will be learning about gifts and talents, how our bodies develop, spots and sleep and body image.

In **Design Technology** we will plan, bake and evaluate pretzels.

In **Art** we will be exploring portraiture, looking at famous artists pieces and gaining inspiration to create our own portrait using different art styles.

In **Music**, the children will be participating in hymn practice and Christmas preparations. We explore a range of music through singing, pulse, listening and rhythm.

In **Computing** the class will learn about computer networks and understanding the function and purpose of computers and how technology is used to support everyday life.