

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 new uniforms. We are looking forward to a busy autumn term with lots of exciting things going on in school. We also have Miss Watson joining us this year. She is a trainee teacher undertaking her SCITT this year. The children have already made her feel very welcome.

Mr Faircloth

Key Dates: Bike Ability 5th 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 to be returned no later than the following Wednesday.

Autumn Term learning in Year Four

RE: This term our R.E. work focuses upon three themes Domestic Church, sacramental Preparation and Advent. We will also learn about Judaism. Our topic on Domestic Church focuses on the life of Jesus and his family, including looking at our own families. Our topic on Sacramental Preparation includes preparing to make the children's first Reconciliation. Our Advent topic includes learning about the coming of Jesus and how we prepare for his arrival.

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. Our final unit of work this term is a poetry unit where we will be learning about narrative poetry and exploring the poem 'T'was the night before Christmas. Children will then use this learning to inspire their own poems.

Other Curriculum Areas

In **Science**, we will study materials and animals including humans. 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. We will learn about food chains and eating and digestion in science, including the types of teeth and their functions.

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.