

St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School



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

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter: Spring 2025-2026

Message from Year Five staff

Happy New Year! We hope you and your families had a restful and enjoyable break.

The Year 5 staff would like to say how proud we are of the children for the effort and commitment they showed during the autumn term. They worked extremely hard, and we hope to see this continue as we move into the spring term.

This term promises to be an exciting one, with lots of new and engaging learning opportunities planned across the curriculum. In addition, the children will have further chances to develop their leadership skills. These include running Huff and Puff and leading activities during playtimes with our younger children, helping them to grow in confidence, responsibility, and teamwork.

As always, we will continue to encourage the children to follow St Gregory's Way, supporting them to make positive choices and aim to achieve every day.

Thank you for your continued support. We are very much looking forward to a successful and enjoyable spring term together.

Kind regards, Mrs Brodie, Mrs Aspin, Mrs Webster and Mrs Jones

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 now be set online. Children should access Spelling Shed, Reading Plus and TTRS. If your child has difficulties getting on or is unsure of their login, please contact us for support.

Reading Books

Reading books and reading records must be brought into school every day. This is so we can ensure children are being heard read regularly, and so we can hear readers during the school day.

Key Dates for the Diary

Monday 19th January @ 3pm

Celebration of the Word - Parents Welcome

Monday 2nd February

Children's Mental Health Week

Friday 6th February

NSPCC Number Day - Rockstar Dress Up Day

Tuesday 10th February

Safer Internet Day

Friday 20th February

Half Term

Spring Term learning in Year Five

RE: In Religious Education this term, we will be covering two key topics: Mission and Memorial Sacrifice. During our Mission unit, the children will explore how Jesus began his mission on Earth. They will study scripture from the Bible and reflect on Jesus' message and purpose. We will also learn about what a diocese is and explore our parish family, helping the children to understand how the Church is organised. As part of this, we will learn about the role of the bishop, how bishops are appointed, and how Christian communities come together to live as one family in faith. In our Memorial Sacrifice unit, the children will deepen their understanding of sacrifice and remembrance within Christianity. They will explore the Passover, the Exodus story, and how these events link to the Last Supper. The children will also learn about the Eucharistic Prayer, making connections between scripture, belief, and modern Christian worship. Through both topics, pupils will have opportunities to reflect, ask questions, and develop their understanding of faith, community, and belonging.

Maths: Using Ark Maths, children will continue to develop their understanding of fractions and decimals, including comparing, ordering, and calculating with them. They will also explore angles, learning to measure, draw, and calculate angles in different shapes, and transformations, including reflection, rotation, translation, and symmetry.

English: This term, Year 5 will be studying the novel *Street Child* by Berlie Doherty. The children will learn about the history of street children and use this knowledge to write non-chronological reports. Reading lessons will focus on developing VIPERS skills, helping pupils to understand texts more deeply. In writing, the children will explore the features of a diary and write a recount diary from a character's point of view. Throughout the term, we will also continue to develop and extend the children's grammar skills.

Other Curriculum Areas

Science: We will be learning about forces and magnets, exploring gravity, friction, air resistance and water resistance, investigating magnetic forces, and carrying out fair tests to compare how different forces affect the movement of objects.

Geography: Year 5 will explore natural resources, learning where resources come from, how they are used and distributed around the world, and understanding the importance of sustainability and human impact on the environment.

French: Year 5 will learn about health and wellbeing, including sports and physical activities, using key vocabulary and simple sentences to talk about healthy lifestyles, express preferences, and understand spoken and written French.

RSHE: Children will learn how to manage pressure situations, stay safe online, and understand how lifestyle choices can impact their health and wellbeing.

Design and Technology: We will design and make pretzels, following a simple recipe, using food preparation skills safely, and understanding how this fits within a balanced and healthy diet.

Music: Year 5 will continue to develop skills in listening, singing and composition, explore a range of musical styles, and use instruments and GarageBand to create and perform their own music.

Computing: Year 5 will develop their information technology skills by designing an app using PowerPoint, learning to link between slides and create an engaging, interactive game.