# St. Gregory's Roman Catholic Primary School

## Year 5 Newsletter - Autumn 2025



## Reading

Reading remains a key priority at St Gregory's. An up-to-date ZPD range has been given to your child. This should be in your child's reading record.

Please encourage your child to read every night and record this in their reading record.

As they have done previously, children will be able to change their reading book once they have read it and completed their online quiz.

As always, we are grateful for all of the support you give with reading.

## Spellings

Children will receive spellings every Friday and they will be tested the following Friday. Homework will focus on their reading skills, spellings and times tables.

If you have any questions or concerns please do contact us. We will always do our best to help.

We look forward to teaching your child this year and are very excited to be part of their journey at St Gregory's.

### Class Teachers: Mr Pickard

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Dunn and Mrs Johnson

## English

This term, children's English lessons will be centred on key texts (some of which link to other areas of the curriculum). These key texts will give the children the chance to write a range of genres, such as: explanation texts, descriptions, letters and diaries. We will also be using a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry texts during our daily RAMP lessons - this helps us to improve our comprehension skills.

#### Maths

We will start this term looking at the place value of numbers up to one million. We will then move onto looking at the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also look at Fractions during this term.

#### Science

In science, our first topic will be Earth and Space. During our second topic, we will be learning all about Forces.

#### PI

PE will take place every Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure children have full PE kit in school and that earrings are removed.

#### $\mathcal{R}\mathcal{E}$

Our first topic for this term is 'Creation'. We will be learning about the story of creation from Genesis and how virtues are used to help Christians in their belief. We will then focus on 'Advent' and how the birth of Jesus Christ impacts all of us today.

## Geography

For our Geography topic, we will be learning about the continent of South America with a key focus on Brazil.

#### History

In History, we will be focusing on Benin West Africa. We will be exploring what life was like during this time.

#### Design & Technology

This term, we will focus on Textiles and we will be designing and making a class Advent calendar. To do this, we will use our sewing skills to combine different types of fabric.

#### Art

Our first Art topic will link to our History focus and we will be making Benin jewellery. We will be exploring different types of designs before creating our own.