



St Gregory's Catholic Academy

Year 4 NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 2018

Summer

We would like to welcome everyone back after the half term break and we hope that you had a lovely time. We are looking forward to another fantastic term in Year 4!

Maths

This half term we will cover a range of topics, including money, time, shape, space, measure and more! We will continue to practise our grasp of the 4 main calculations weekly and develop our reasoning and problem-solving skills.

Each week we will have a Times Tables test as we continue to develop our rapid recall of the multiplication facts.

English

This half term in English we will write instructions, poems and newspaper reports.

In Reading we will be summarising the key details, making predictions and looking at the clues hidden in the text to understand what the author is showing us.

Spellings are given out weekly and we will be practising our handwriting weekly in class.

RE

This half term we will be finding out more about the Sacrament of Confirmation in our "Called" topic, and how we can follow the example of the Saints in "God's People."

PE

This half term we start with a two week block of swimming! Following this we will practise our Skipping Skills ready for the Skipping festival and then explore different athletics events.

Please remember to bring your PE kit into school every week for our lesson on Thursdays.

Topic / Art

Our topic this term is Europe! We will use atlases to locate different countries; find out more about the key rivers, mountains, seas and cities of the continent and explore architecture, famous landmarks and historical events. In Art and Design we will be looking more closely at European architecture, designing and making our own buildings!

Science

This term we will broaden our scientific knowledge and vocabulary whilst studying electricity, including identifying what runs on electricity and building our own simple circuits.

Homework

Children in Year 4 will receive weekly homework, consisting of Maths and English activities linked to our work in class. This will usually be given on a Friday to be returned by the following Thursday. If your child is struggling with any aspect of their homework, then they should bring their best attempt in to school and discuss any misconceptions with their teacher.

In addition, children will receive a list of spellings each week for a test on Fridays and children should continue to practise their Times Tables for our weekly test.

Thank you for your support.

Summer Fayre

We are looking forward to this year's Summer Fayre on Thursday 12th July from 3-5pm.

Donations of items for Summer Fayre stalls are greatly appreciated. Please bring donations to school on Friday 6th July, our non-uniform day.

Reading Books

Children are encouraged to read at home for at least 15 minutes every night. Please support your child with this by questioning them about the book that they are reading and signing their record each time they read. When the book is finished, your child will make a comment in their record and change their book in school the next day.

Polite Reminders

- Long hair should be tied back.
- Hair should not be dyed and extreme haircuts are not permitted.
- Earrings and jewellery should not be worn in school – a watch may be worn.
- Shoes should be sensible – black or brown without detail or heels.
- Homework must be completed on time including daily reading.

PE KIT

- PE kits should be worn for PE lessons and should be brought into school every Monday.

Dates for your diary

- **Friday 29th June**, Whole School Mass in Church, 9:30am. Solemnity of SS Peter and Paul.
- **Friday 6th July**, Non-uniform day, children to bring a donation for the Summer Fayre.
- **Friday 6th July**, Key Stage 2 Sports Day, 1:30pm.
- **Thursday 12th July**, Summer Fayre in School Hall 3pm – 5pm.
- **Wednesday 18th July** Leavers Mass in Church, 9:30am
- **Friday 20th July**, End of term.

Miss Cole