



# St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

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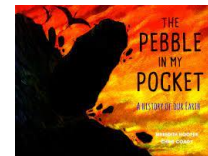
Dear Parents and Carers,

We really enjoyed the first term before Christmas and the children were able to explore some really exciting topics and engage well with their learning. We are now looking forward to the Lent Term. Here are some of the exciting topics we are going to be learning about.

In Religious Education, our first topic this term will be Local Church and will be exploring 'Journeys'. We will explore the Christian families and their journey with Jesus. Our second topic this term will be Eucharist and we will be exploring 'Listening and Sharing'. We will learn how being thoughtful for life, for people and gifts, is a vital part of our relationships with one another. When praise and appreciation are experienced, we are enabled to relate on a deeper level.



To begin our English topic this term, our learning will be based on 'The Pebble in my Pocket' by Meredith Hooper. We will be following the CLPE sequences of learning, and this will include free verse poetry, blackout poetry, character/setting descriptions, persuasive writing expressive writing and narrative writing. The children will continue to have spellings to learn each week and will be expected to practise at home to prepare for a test the following week. We will also have spelling and handwriting practise in class. The expectation for children to read with an adult at home for at least 10 minutes a day remains and this must be recorded in their home-school planner. There will also be plenty of opportunity for children to read independently in the classroom.



Over the course of the Lent Term in Maths, we will further consolidate our learning about Number and Place Value, Addition and Subtraction including money, Properties of Shape, Multiplication and Division, Fractions, Statistics, Decimals and Measurement (including length and perimeter). We will continue to use a range of concrete, pictorial and abstract



approaches to explore these topics and develop our fluency and reasoning skills. Our focus on times tables remains a priority in this term, and we continue to encourage use of Times Tables Rockstars as a great online tool that can help your child to practise their multiplication and division facts.

Our Theme topic for the Lent Term is Rocks, Rumbles and Relics, which will teach children about the characteristics and features of Earth's layers, including a detailed exploration of volcanic, tectonic and seismic activity. This topic will also encourage children to develop their wider geography skills.



In Art and Design, the children will be developing their sculpting skills to make a 3D model of a volcano. We will explore two-colour print, such as by inking a roller with two different colours before transferring it onto a block, creating a full print then masking areas of the printing block before printing again with a different colour or creating a full print then cutting away areas of the printing block before printing again.

The children will continue to use Purple Mash in their Computing lessons to develop their touch-typing skills and to understand that Email is a method of sending electronic communication from one device to another.



The children will continue to have a Spanish lesson on a Friday each week, taught by Mrs Neal-Gonzalez. This term, they will continue learning their numbers in Spanish, as well as beginning to learn about colours.

Our first unit of work for Music in the Lent Term will be based on the 'The Dragon.' This is a song about kindness, respect, friendship, acceptance and happiness. The children will learn about the dimensions of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc) and this will include singing, and playing instruments. We will be focusing on using Glockenspiels throughout the term and will begin to compose music.

In the first half term, our PE day will continue to be on a Friday. Please ensure your child arrives at school wearing school PE Kit. Details of this can be found [here](#). We will be focusing on the 'creative' cog of Real PE this term where the children will learn to change tactics, rules and activities to express their own ideas within activities. From February half term, the children in St Bernadette Class will visit Barry Road swimming pool each week, on Mondays, for their PE lesson. Further communication regarding this will be sent in due course.

During our PSHE lessons this term, we will be following 'A Mind to be Kind' which will support children to think about how their thoughts and actions towards others can have a lasting effect. We will focus of helping the children to identify all of the ways that they can be kind towards others.

Our first Science topic this term will explore Rocks. Children will learn how naturally occurring rocks and explore their uses, groups and sort rocks according to their characteristics .Our second topic will be light. The children will learn that light is important for us to see, exploring different light sources and explore how light reflects from a range of surfaces.



Please continue to remember to check your child's Home-School Planner each day and remind them to bring it into school with them. The children should also continue using Times Tables Rockstars, Purple Mash and IXL to support their learning at home. Please encourage your child to practise their spellings and read their reading book daily. Thank you for your continued support; I am really looking forward to another term of exciting topics. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via the School Office or your child's Home-School Planner.

Miss L. Brown  
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