

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 5! I am excited to spend another year working with you! I am really looking forward to welcoming you on this new adventure together. Here are some of the exciting topics we are going to be learning about this term.

In Religious Education, our first topic is 'Ourselves'. We will be the qualities we admire in others and those qualities that we would like to develop in ourselves. We will consider the qualities God encourages us to demonstrate through scripture and think about how we can demonstrate these qualities in our everyday life. Our next topic will be 'Life Choices' in which we will be exploring the idea of friendship and how we can show care and commitment to each other. We will also consider the idea of 'Mission' and how we can show this in our everyday lives. This will also explore the Sacrament of Marriage. Our final topic this term will be 'Hope', during which we will explore how Jesus' birth and life brings us hope. We also will learn how Advent is a time of waiting. The children will also spend a week learning about Judaism.

To begin our English topic this term, our learning will be based on 'The Promise' by Nicola Davies and Laura Carlin and will include poetry, character descriptions, expressive writing and narrative writing. The children will 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. Children will be expected to read with an adult at home for at least 10 minutes a day and this should 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 Autumn Term in Maths, we will learn about Number and Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Properties of Shape, Multiplication and Division, Fractions, Position and Direction, Decimals and Measurement. We will use a range of concrete, pictorial and abstract approaches to explore these topics and develop our fluency and reasoning skills.

Our theme topic for the Autumn Term is 'Off with Her Head'. We will explore the religious, political, scientific and personal beliefs of King Henry VIII and all dive into life in the Tudor times.

In Art and Design, the children will be learning to create their own Tudor portraits, as well as designing their own Tudor costumes and jewellery. They will also have the opportunity to make and evaluate a Tudor house.

The children will use Purple Mash in their computing lessons to develop their knowledge of writing coded instructions and understanding how they can stay safe online.

We are delighted to share with you that, each week, the children at St Gregory's from Nursery to Year 6 will all have one lesson of Spanish each week taught by Mrs Neal-Gonzalez. We are excited to offer this provision to all our pupils this academic year.

Our first unit of work for Music in the Autumn Term will be based on the classic rock song 'Livin' on a prayer' by Bon Jovi. We will explore games, the dimensions of music including pulse, rhythm and pitch.

This term, the children will develop their knowledge of the rules and skill required to play the competitive team games of football and tag rugby.

During our PSHE lessons this term, the children will be exploring two main topics of E-Safety and friends. We will also be discussing where we fit in our school community and wider community.

Our first Science topic this term will explore 'Properties and Changing Materials'. The children will compare and group together everyday materials based on their properties including solubility, transparency and conductivity. We will investigate materials that dissolve in liquid to form a solution as well as looking to describe how to recover a substance from a solution.

Please remember to check you child's Home-School Planner each day and remind them to bring it into school with them each day.

Yours sincerely,

Miss A. Mayes