



The Catholic School of St Gregory the Great

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Believe and Achieve



Welcome Back Everyone!

We hope you had a lovely Easter and that you enjoyed the holidays!

We are now back into Terms 5 and 6 - the final terms of this academic year. It promises to be a busy time; we have lots to get through before we start looking at preparations beyond July and getting children ready to move into Key Stage 2. There are lots of fantastic lessons and activities planned and we can't wait to get started!

Please do contact any of the Year 2 team should you have any queries and we will do our best to answer your questions.

Your Year 2 Team!



Mrs Lewis
Broadway's Teacher



Mrs K Brown
Broadway's Teacher



Mrs L Brown
Kemerton's Teacher



Miss Thorn and Mrs Hudson
Teaching Partner



Mrs Davis
Pupil Support



Mrs Mason
Music Teacher

Year 2 Classroom Teachers

Kemerton

Mrs L Brown

Broadway

Mrs Lewis (Monday-Tuesday)

Mrs K Brown (Wednesday-Friday)

Teaching Partners

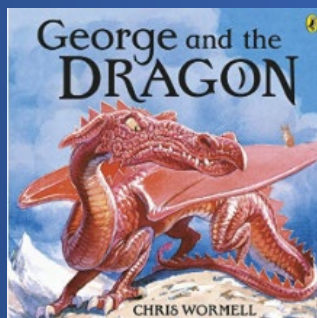
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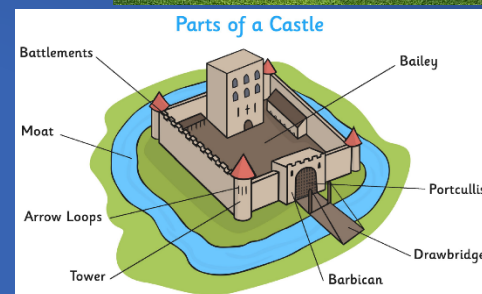
PPA/Leadership Cover (1 day/fortnight)

Mrs Williams (Kemerton)



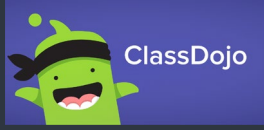
Our Summer Term Topic is...

This term our topic will be **CASTLES**. We will be considering the key question in History: Would I be safe in a castle? In Geography, we will be locating castles within the United Kingdom. We will be visiting a real life castle where the children will get the opportunity to explore the castle and the grounds, while finding out how a castle could keep you safe. We'll keep a close eye out for any dragons!



One of our core texts for Writing will be 'George and the Dragon' which will link to our Castles topic in both History & Geography. Children will learn and write about key plot points from the story, such as the hero's plan and the cautious approach to the dragon, and then end the unit by planning and writing their own tale inspired by the text.

Year 2 Information



We would encourage you to check in regularly to Class Dojo as teachers will post key information and reminders there for you.
If you have a question or need to share something with your child's class teacher, please email parent@st-gregorygreat.gloucs.sch.uk

The St Gregory's School Prayer

Help us all, teachers and pupils
To value our friendships
To support and love each other
And help us to remember that
You are always by our side
Our greatest friend.
Amen

How Was Your Day?

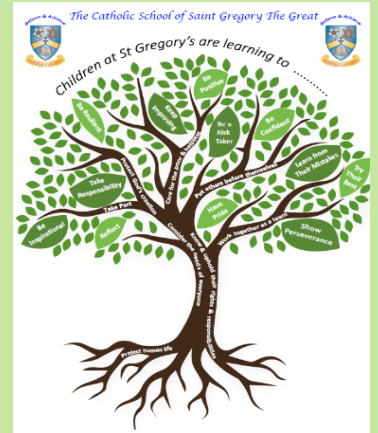
If finding out about your child's day at school is mission: impossible, try these alternative conversation starters.

- Tell me one thing you've learned today that you didn't know this morning.
- What did you do today that made your brain work really hard?
- Who made you laugh the most? Who was kind today?
- What did you do today that made you feel proud?



What Is A St Gregory's Learner Like?

The St Gregory's Learner Profile has become a very important aspect of our school. In striving for academic excellence, we are also unapologetic for the focus given to the characteristics we seek to develop in each and every member of our school community. These characteristics, which include Catholic Social Teaching principles, threading through all we do, are the key to developing lifelong learners and global citizens. The characteristics outlined in our learner profile are of great value to us and as such, permeate our entire curriculum.



Our Learner Profile tree is up in every classroom and your children work daily on: **reflecting, improving, being risk takers, being confident, being positive, showing resilience, being inspirational, taking responsibility, learning from mistakes, showing perseverance, trying their best and having pride.**

How could you help promote these characteristics?



From little acorns mighty oaks grow!



Moving On Up! How Can You Help?

At The Catholic School of St Gregory the Great, we recognise how well your children have done adjusting to the demands of Year 2, making new friends and developing their skills and knowledge across the curriculum. In Term 6, we will start making preparations for the children's move into Year 3 and transition into Key Stage 2. We know how important a smooth transition is - for the children, their teachers and also for you.



Here are some things you might want to do to help:

- ✓ Talk about what is coming up in September. The summer holiday is a longer one, so it helps to keep the changes fresh in your child's mind. Talk about their new teacher and what they are looking forward to in Year 3.
- ✓ Read, read, read. Reading with and to your child is the single most powerful thing you can do to support their learning and progress at school.
- ✓ Encourage your child to write, but make it fun and meaningful. For example, writing a shopping list for a meal they have chosen, writing a holiday diary or sending a postcard to a family member - or their new teacher!
- ✓ Plan in some relaxed time at home each evening so that your child still has opportunities for undirected 'leisure' time.
- ✓ Encourage independence any way you can. Small things can help a child feel more independent and confident so try not to rush in straightaway when they get stuck

For more information on how our school manages your child's transition to their new year group, please refer to our Transition Policy on the school website: <https://www.st-gregorygreat.gloucs.sch.uk/policiesreportslinks/>

Also... Don't forget to check our school website for all diary dates, policies and important information! It is updated regularly. www.st-gregorygreat.gloucs.sch.uk/



Summer Sunshine...We Are Ready!



As normal, all children should be bringing a **named, reusable water bottle** to school every day. It is to be taken home every night and refilled with **fresh drinking water only**. Please be sure to do this as the weather gets warmer.

Children require a **PE kit** in school with them every day, with all clothing clearly named and stored in a soft, drawstring bag. Please remember that jewellery should not be worn in PE lessons and long hair should be tied back.

As the weather hopefully becomes hotter, the children will be heading outside a lot more. Therefore everyone should have a **named hat or cap** with them in school for sun protection. Caps can be bought in the school office for £4.50. **We advise parents to put sun cream on your children before coming to school.**

Please don't feed our lost property! Everything that comes into school must be clearly named.



Have you remembered...



Preparing for Y3!

Telling the time is a key area of learning in Year 3, so you might want to consider buying your child a watch to help them practise.



Here's a link to a website to help you:

<https://uk.bestreviews.guide/kids-watch-for-learning-to-tell-time>

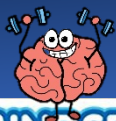
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In Year 3, **handwriting** is also a key focus as children move from pencil to pen, when they have gained their pen licence - an exciting achievement! Encourage your child to form their letters the correct way and join their handwriting and they'll get their pen in no time!

Home Learning!

Spelling Activity Sheets will be sent home on a **Friday** to be returned to school on **Friday**. Please do remind children to work on learning their spelling words throughout the week, perhaps in short bursts rather than one long session. The KS1 SATs booklets work is also set and marked each **Friday**. Please keep reminding them to work on their 99 club times table sheets and the Times Table Rockstars. Please read with your child at least **four times a week** and make a simple mark to record this in your child's planner (this way they can win prizes from our raffle).

Here's some important vocabulary for this term: Animals, Environment, Living, Dead, Habitats, Micro-Habitats, Food, Food Chain, Healthy, Woodland, Ocean, Conditions, Amphibians, Reptiles, Birds, Mammals, Mini-Beasts, Plants.



We're All About Growing... A Growth Mindset!

MINDSET MATTERS



THE POWER OF YET!



Have you ever looked back on your education and thought 'I wasn't really good at Maths,' or 'I am not really an 'art-person', I'm better with less creative things!' or even 'I really wasn't into sports- PE lessons were not my thing'. We all have areas that we are perhaps less confident in, but here at St Greg's we believe that learning and intelligence is not fixed.

Back in 2016 we launched our St Gregory's **Growth Mindset** concept with children, staff and parents. Since then, we have continued to adhere to the belief that our intelligence and abilities can grow and improve, so we look for ways to keep improving. We look for real challenges and build resilience, because we know that with determination we can achieve whatever we want!

2 Things to remember:

- **The power of YET**
- **Mistakes help us learn!**

If parents want to give their children a gift, the best thing they can do is to teach their children to love challenges, be intrigued by mistakes, enjoy effort, and keep on learning. That way, their children don't have to be slaves of praise. They will have a lifelong way to build and repair their own confidence."

- Carol S. Dweck