

The Catholic School of St Gregory the Great

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Your EYFS Team!

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 up the school. There are lots of fantastic lessons and activities planned and we can't wait to get started!

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

Early Years Foundation Stage Team

Classroom Teachers

Pershore:

Miss Vines

Evesham:

Miss Bullough

Teaching Partners:

Miss Faber

Miss Terry

Pupil Support:

Mrs Koliczak

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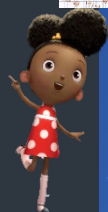
Pershore:

Miss Kwiatkowska (every Wednesday)

Evesham:

Miss Elliot

(1 day- Wednesday /fortnight)

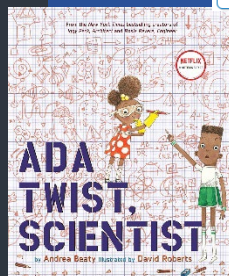
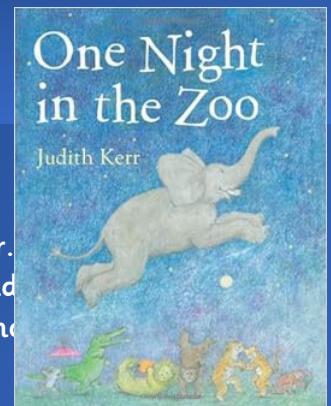
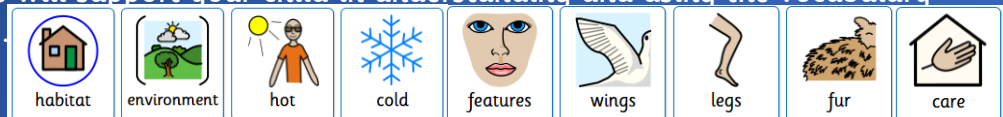


Our Summer Term Topics...

This term our topic will be 'All Things Wild!'

Our core text will be *One Night at the Zoo* by Judith Kerr. During the topic we will explore the natural world around us, making observations about animals and life cycles and comparing the different environments that they live in. We will also discuss and compare the different seasons.

Below is a list of the vocabulary that we will be using throughout this term. We would be really grateful if you could introduce and explore this language at home too, as this will support your child in understanding and using the vocabulary themselves.



In Term 6 our topic will be 'Whizz! Pop! Bang!' and our core text will be *Ada Twist, Scientist* by Andrea Beaty. During this topic we will carry out lots of exciting science experiments that we hope will ignite their curiosity and enthuse the children, discussing the changes that happen. We will also talk about changes in our lives linking this to the children's emotions and preparing them for Year 1.

Don't forget to look at the EYFS pages of the school website to find out about all the areas of learning for this term. <https://www.st-gregorygreat.gloucs.sch.uk/eyfs/>

Teachers often post class notices/information and the school page is always busy with updates and exciting news. If you are unable to access Class Dojo or have any login issues - please email parent@st-gregorygreat.gloucs.sch.uk



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.

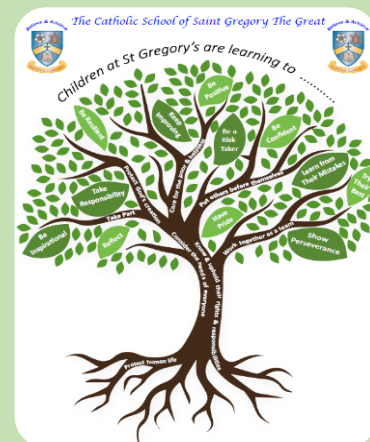
Amen

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?



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 at home?



From little acorns mighty oaks grOW!



At The Catholic School of St Gregory the Great, we recognise how well your children have done in settling into school, 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 1. As a school, we know how important a 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 1.
- ✓ 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 Granny and Grandad.
- ✓ Plan in some relaxed time at home each evening so that your child still has opportunities for undirected 'play' time.

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.



Home Learning!



Reading Books:

Your child will have a new book twice a week to share and enjoy at home.

New books will only be given out once the old one has been returned. Please help your child by talking about the story, the pictures and see if they can tell you what they think will happen next. After your child has read a book, please write the name, title and a comment in your child's planner.

Please ensure your child's planner is kept in their book bag at all times; this will enable us to check them and respond when needed.

Don't forget to read 4 times a week so that your child can receive a raffle ticket!



Numbots:

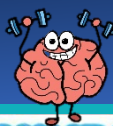
Numbots is our online maths home learning challenge programme. Daily practice will support your child with their understanding, recall and fluency in mental addition and subtraction. Your child's Numbots login details are stuck into the front of their reading records.

Have you remembered...



Have a go at using these words with your child!

- Science
- Scientist
- Results
- Experiments
- Changes
- Investigations
- Reactions
- Independence



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



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

