



The Catholic School of St Gregory the Great

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Believe and Achieve



Little Way Catholic
Educational Trust

"We are a safe and happy school where we all shine as part of God's family."

It's A New School Year!

Welcome to all our EYFS families!

We hope you have enjoyed your Summer Holidays and are ready to get stuck into your first year at school. There is so much to look forward to!

Do read this termly newsletter for your child's year group to find out about the staffing team, the termly topics your child will be learning about and other important information.



Early Years Foundation Stage

Classroom Teachers

Pershore:

Miss Ranson

Evesham:

Miss Bullough

Teaching Partners:

Miss Terry (Evesham)

Miss Faber (Pershore)

Mrs Kroliczak (1:1)

Mrs Burton (1:1)

PPA Cover (1 day/fortnight)

Pershore: Mrs Owen

Evesham: Mrs Williams



Tapestry:

You should have had your login details emailed to you.

All parents are asked to send in their own observations/picture/video at least once a week so that we can ensure we are using your knowledge to support your child at school.

Meet Your EYFS Team!



Miss Ranson
EYFS Phase Leader
Class Teacher
Pershore Class



Miss Bullough
Class Teacher
Evesham Class



Mrs Owen
Pershore
PPA Class Teacher



Mrs Williams
Evesham
PPA Class Teacher



Miss Faber
Pershore
Teaching Partner



Miss Terry
Evesham
Teaching Partner



Mrs Kroliczak
1:1 Pupil Support



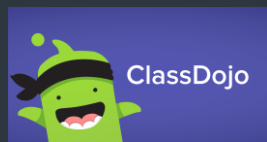
Mrs Burton
1:1 Pupil Support



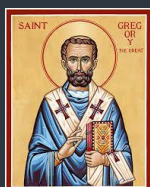
Mrs Mason
Music Teacher

The entire EYFS Team are very much looking forward to this year and it has been a pleasure getting to know all your children.

Across the year, you will have plenty of chances to meet with the EYFS staff, formally, at Parent Teacher meetings or when you drop off and collect your child each day. Do let any of them know if you have any queries or concerns and they will be happy to chat or arrange a meeting if more time is needed.

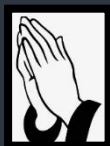


Make sure you check [Class Dojo](#) and [Tapestry](#) to see all the EYFS news and pictures!
Do let us know if you need help accessing your accounts.

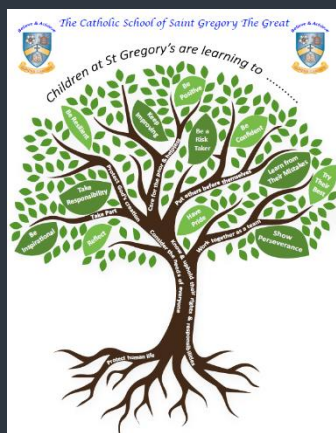


The St Gregory's School Prayer

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



The Learner Profile



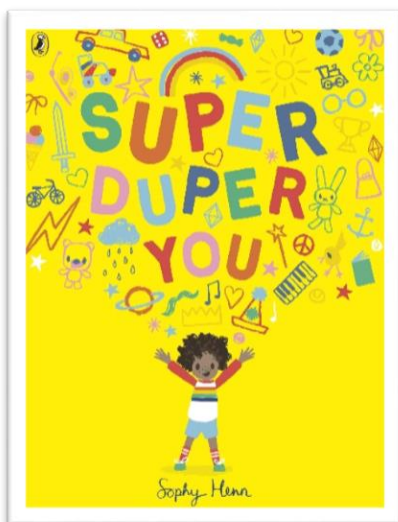
Our Autumn Term Topics are...



Term 1 – Super Duper You!

During this topic we will do lots of activities linked to the story *Super Duper You!* by Sophy Henn. Through this book, we'll be celebrating what makes each of us special, learning about our unique qualities and the different families we belong to. We will also be exploring where in the world we come from by looking at the world map. As part of our learning this term, we'll be discovering more about important festivals, including Harvest Festival and Diwali, through stories and creative activities.

We will also be visited by **Little City Gloucestershire!** They will be setting up exciting role play stations for the children to explore different jobs and experiences in their own mini world.



Term 2 – Where We Are

Our learning this term will be inspired by the story *Martha Maps It Out* by Leigh Hodgkinson. This lovely book will help us begin to explore the world around us — starting right here in our school!

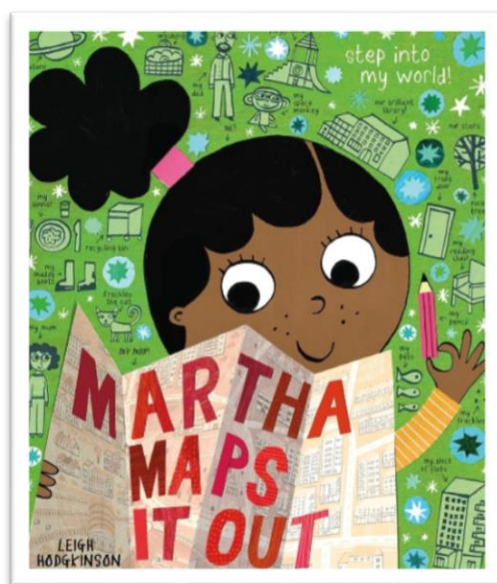
We'll be spending time outdoors, noticing what we see and learning to create our own simple maps of the school grounds. As we explore, we'll also be observing the seasonal changes that happen in Autumn, using our senses to notice how the world is changing.

This term, we'll also be learning about some important celebrations and events. These include Christmas, Hanukkah and Remembrance Day. We'll use stories, songs, and creative activities to help the children understand and enjoy these special and important times.

If you are able to source a copy of the stories we will be learning, it would be really helpful to read them at home too. Please come and speak to your child's class teacher for further text ideas.

We will use the children's interests and ideas to shape activities within the classroom over the course of the term. We would love your feedback on your child and their interests at home.

Please see the **EYFS Curriculum Map** on the school website to find out more about what your child will be learning this term.



Parent Tips!

Starting school is a big deal, not only for your child, but for you too! We often find our children settle in brilliantly thanks to our special timetable helping them to ease in gently; it's sometimes tougher on the families. For some tips on those first few days, have a look at:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/connections/starting-primary-school/1>



From little acorns mighty oaks grow!

What Do We Bring to School?

We ask that each child brings in their own reusable water bottle with a sports cap on it **every day**. This bottle **must be clearly named** and taken home every night to be cleaned and refilled with **fresh drinking water only**.

Children have 1 PE lesson every week. They should have a PE kit in school with them every day and all pieces of **clothing must be clearly labelled** and stored in a **soft drawstring bag** (these can be purchased from the school office). Kit will be sent home before each holiday to be washed. Please make sure your child has appropriate kit for outdoor and indoor sports. This should include, shorts and jogging bottoms. Jewellery **should not** be worn in PE lessons and long hair should be tied back.

Each child has a **blue book bag** which should be brought to school **every day**. To build up their independence, the children are encouraged to take out their reading folder and put it in the appropriate box ready to be changed, as well as handing in any letters for the class teacher or school office.

Remember to name everything that comes into school - particularly school jumpers!

Have you remembered...



Key Vocabulary this term:

- Vegetables
- Healthy
- Occupations (people who help us)
- Confidence
- Bravery
- Name of items in your child's book bag
- Different foods (use school menu as a prompt)
- School uniform clothing items (jumper, scarf, pumps, coat etc)

Home Learning!

Once settled, 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. Initially, these books will be books with pictures only; please help your child by talking about the pictures and see if they can tell you what they think will happen next.



At our school we place great value of reading. We ask all families to read with their *child* **4 times a week**, noting when this has taken place in your child's planner. You need to only 'make a mark' (e.g. adding your name or signature) by the correct date when you've read with your child.

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



How Can You Help?

Read or share a book with your child every day. This will encourage their language development and a love of reading!

Talk to your child about things that they are good at but also things that may challenge them. This will encourage a Growth Mindset and is a really healthy thing to do in order to improve.

Talk to your children in full sentences, modelling eye contact and positive body language.

Encourage your child to get changed independently (buttons, zips and socks).

Developing vocabulary – we would love it if you could try and teach your child one new word each day. It could be the name of a type of fruit or vegetable, a new animal, a new plant, a mathematical word etc. Please do let us know how you get on!

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/

Your child may be entitled to Free School Meals or additional funding towards their education. Please ask your child's teacher or the school office for more information. This is money that many children are entitled to in our school so please don't miss out!



Do you receive any of the following?

- Income support
- Employment Support Allowance (Income Related)
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Guaranteed Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit and your income (as calculated by the Inland Revenue) is less than £16,190
- Universal Credit
- Receiving support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act of 1999
- In the Armed Forces

If you can answer yes to any of the above you may qualify for free school meals/Pupil Premium

The school office will help with your application. If your application is successful not only will your child receive free school meals, but our school will receive £1,300 additional funding (per child). This is called Pupil Premium.

All applications are confidential.

