



The Catholic School of St Gregory the Great

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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!

A warm welcome back to you all!

We hope you have enjoyed your summer holidays and are ready to get stuck into a very exciting term. 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 important information.

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL



Year 1

Classroom Teachers

Butterwell:

Miss Aldred

Honeybourne:

Mrs Paddock (Mon-Thurs)

Miss Elliott (Fri)

Teaching Partners:

Mrs Hope

Mrs George (Teacher
Training)

Pupil Support:

Miss Farnacio

PPA Cover (1 day/fortnight)

Butterwell: Miss

Kwiatkowska (Thurs)

Kemerton: Miss Elliott
(Thurs)

Meet Your Year 1 Team!



Miss Elliott
Class Teacher (Fri)
Honeybourne Class



Mrs Paddock
Key Stage 1 Phase
Leader
Class Teacher
Honeybourne Class



Miss Aldred
Class Teacher
Butterwell Class



Mrs Hope
Teaching Partner



Mrs George
Teaching Partner
(Teacher Training)



Miss Farnacio
Pupil Support



Mrs Mason
Music Teacher

The entire Year 1 Team are looking forward to this year and it has been a pleasure getting to know them over the past few weeks.

Across the year, you will have plenty of chances to meet with the Year 1 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 only too happy to chat or arrange a meeting if more time is needed.

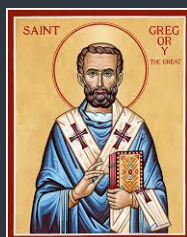


Year 1 Information



ClassDojo

Class Dojo is one of our communication tools linking together home and school. It's therefore really important that you are connected and have the app readily available. Teachers will soon be posting class notices/information on a weekly basis to ensure the class pages are up and running. If you are unable to access Class Dojo or have any login issues please email parent@st-gregorygreat.gloucs.sch.uk



The St Gregory's School Prayer

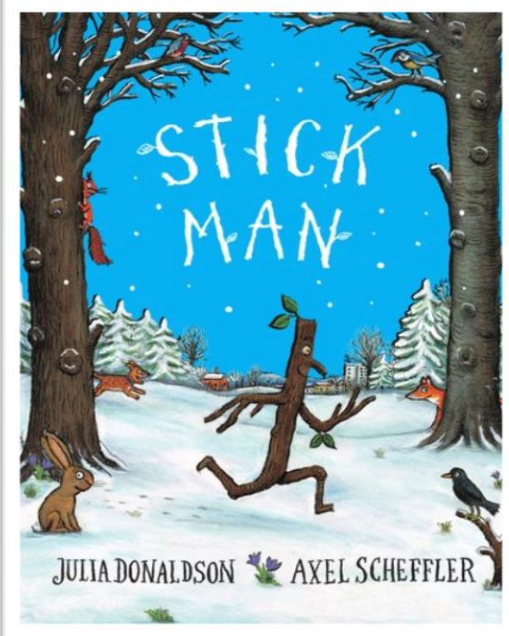
Help us all, teachers and pupils
To value our friendships
To support and love each other
And help us to remember that
You are always by our side
Our greatest friend.
Amen



The Learner Profile



Our Autumn Term Topic is...



In History we will be answering the enquiry question "Are toys today better than those from the past?" We will discuss changes in living memory looking at artefacts and examples of toys and how they have changed.

In Art we will be looking at the work of Giuseppe Arcimboldo and Andy Goldsworthy and creating our own pieces inspired by these artists and in Design and Technology the children will be making Stick Man puppets.

Please see the **Year 1 Curriculum Map** on the school website to find out more about what your child will be learning this term.

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Year 1	History	Geography	Science	Maths	English	Art	Music	Physical Education	Religious Education	Personal, Social and Health Education
History	Topic 1: The Roman Empire	Topic 2: The Roman Empire	Topic 3: The Roman Empire	Topic 4: The Roman Empire	Topic 5: The Roman Empire	Topic 6: The Roman Empire	Topic 7: The Roman Empire	Topic 8: The Roman Empire	Topic 9: The Roman Empire	Topic 10: The Roman Empire
Geography	Topic 1: The Roman Empire	Topic 2: The Roman Empire	Topic 3: The Roman Empire	Topic 4: The Roman Empire	Topic 5: The Roman Empire	Topic 6: The Roman Empire	Topic 7: The Roman Empire	Topic 8: The Roman Empire	Topic 9: The Roman Empire	Topic 10: The Roman Empire
Science	Topic 1: The Roman Empire	Topic 2: The Roman Empire	Topic 3: The Roman Empire	Topic 4: The Roman Empire	Topic 5: The Roman Empire	Topic 6: The Roman Empire	Topic 7: The Roman Empire	Topic 8: The Roman Empire	Topic 9: The Roman Empire	Topic 10: The Roman Empire
Maths	Topic 1: The Roman Empire	Topic 2: The Roman Empire	Topic 3: The Roman Empire	Topic 4: The Roman Empire	Topic 5: The Roman Empire	Topic 6: The Roman Empire	Topic 7: The Roman Empire	Topic 8: The Roman Empire	Topic 9: The Roman Empire	Topic 10: The Roman Empire
English	Topic 1: The Roman Empire	Topic 2: The Roman Empire	Topic 3: The Roman Empire	Topic 4: The Roman Empire	Topic 5: The Roman Empire	Topic 6: The Roman Empire	Topic 7: The Roman Empire	Topic 8: The Roman Empire	Topic 9: The Roman Empire	Topic 10: The Roman Empire
Art	Topic 1: The Roman Empire	Topic 2: The Roman Empire	Topic 3: The Roman Empire	Topic 4: The Roman Empire	Topic 5: The Roman Empire	Topic 6: The Roman Empire	Topic 7: The Roman Empire	Topic 8: The Roman Empire	Topic 9: The Roman Empire	Topic 10: The Roman Empire
Music	Topic 1: The Roman Empire	Topic 2: The Roman Empire	Topic 3: The Roman Empire	Topic 4: The Roman Empire	Topic 5: The Roman Empire	Topic 6: The Roman Empire	Topic 7: The Roman Empire	Topic 8: The Roman Empire	Topic 9: The Roman Empire	Topic 10: The Roman Empire
Physical Education	Topic 1: The Roman Empire	Topic 2: The Roman Empire	Topic 3: The Roman Empire	Topic 4: The Roman Empire	Topic 5: The Roman Empire	Topic 6: The Roman Empire	Topic 7: The Roman Empire	Topic 8: The Roman Empire	Topic 9: The Roman Empire	Topic 10: The Roman Empire
Religious Education	Topic 1: The Roman Empire	Topic 2: The Roman Empire	Topic 3: The Roman Empire	Topic 4: The Roman Empire	Topic 5: The Roman Empire	Topic 6: The Roman Empire	Topic 7: The Roman Empire	Topic 8: The Roman Empire	Topic 9: The Roman Empire	Topic 10: The Roman Empire
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Our topics for the Autumn Term will be **Toys** and **Seasons**. We will be using the book 'Stick Man' by Julia Donaldson within our DT, Geography and Science lessons. We will look closely at seasonal changes in Science where we will observe and describe the weather, as well as looking at how day length varies. This will link closely to Geography where we will be answering the enquiry question "What should I wear today?" We will be learning about the different weather patterns in the UK.



Home Learning Tips!

- **Giuseppe Arcimboldo** was born in Milan, Italy in 1526 or 1527.
- He is most well known for his portraits of people made up of fruit, vegetables and other objects from nature.
- **Andy Goldsworthy** is a British sculptor and photographer known for creating sculptures using existing materials of nature such as rocks, leaves, branches, ice, thorns and mud.

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 2 PE lessons 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**. 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 bought to school **every day**. To build up their independence, the children are encouraged to take out and change their own reading book and hand in any letters for the class teacher or school office.

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

Have you remembered...



Try to encourage your children to get school things ready the night before and perhaps leave them by the front door.

Remember they should be carrying their own things into school in Year 1 to build independence!

Home Learning!

Spelling Activity Sheets will be sent home on a **Friday** to be returned the **following Friday**. Please do remind children to work on learning their spelling words throughout the week, perhaps in short bursts rather than one long session, and in whatever way helps the children to recall the sounds and spelling patterns

Numbots is our online maths home learning challenge programme. Your child's Numbots login details are stuck into the front of their reading records and they are set a weekly challenge to complete.

Please read with your child **daily** and sign/record this in your child's reading record. The children are expected to be heard read at home at least **4 times** a week and we ask that comments are made in the children's reading records to help monitor their progress.

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



How Can You Help?

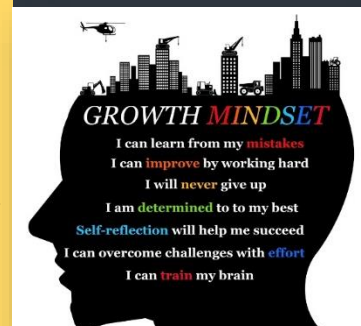


Read or share a book with your child every day. This will encourage their language development and a love of reading!

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.

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.

