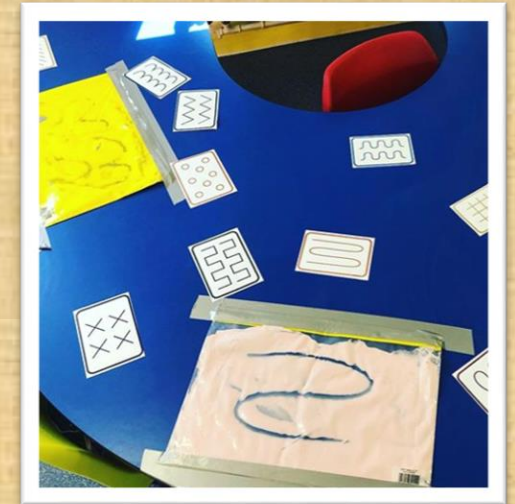


The Catholic School of Saint Gregory The Great



A Great Start to School! 2024

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Miss Ranson
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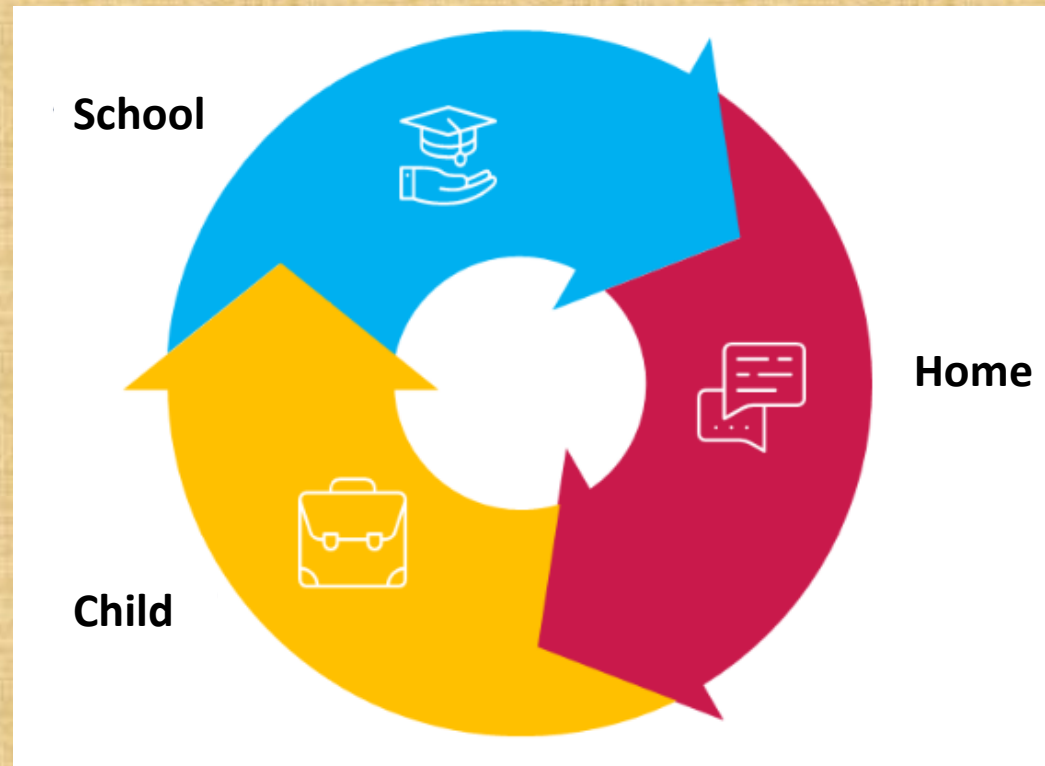


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The Learning Triangle

As parents and carers, you are your child's first teachers. You have a powerful influence on your child's early learning.



There is clear research that proves that those children who work outside of school alongside their family, achieve more.





"Play provides an outlet for curiosity, information about the physical world, a safe way to deal with anxiety and social relationships. In the long run, play serves children's inner needs, hopes, and aspirations."

-Magda Gerber



Play is the
highest form
of research

Albert Einstein



Children don't
need more
things. The best
toys a child can
have is a parent
who gets down
on the floor and
plays with
them.



Typical Day

Morning		Afternoon
8:40 Drop children off at the classroom door. Children will hand in their book folders and put their things on their pegs. The door will close at 8:45. 8:50 Dinner register and morning prayer. 9:00 Phonics Whole class input on the carpet then busy learning where both classes can interact together. Individual groups will be called to work with the teachers. 10:20 – 10:35 Break time. Children will play on the astro together.	10:35 – 10:55 Snack and Oracy time within the classroom. Children will be given milk and fruit which is all provided for them. 11:00 – 11:45 Maths Whole class input on the carpet then busy learning where both classes can interact together. Individual groups will be called to work with the teachers. 11:45 Wash hands and lunch time prayer 11:55– 1:00 Lunch	1:00 – 1:20 Guided Reading One group of children reads with the teacher in the communal area while the rest of the class reads a story with the teaching partner. 1:20 – 2:20 Busy Learning (RE, PE, Topic, Finger Gym, Circle Time) The children can busy learn in the classrooms, communal area and outside. During this time we model good Oracy skills and support the children in building relationships, modelling how to initiate play and conversation. We also carry out 1:1 reading and small group interventions. 2:20 - 2:45 Story time / assemblies 2:45 Children collect all of their things for home. End of the day prayer 3:10 Home Time

What does being 'school ready' mean?

- Managing their own needs (toileting, getting dressed, putting a coat on)
- Recognising their name
- Making their own choices
- Putting things away when they are finished





Some tips and tricks to get school ready...

THE MONTESSORI COAT FLIP



TAG TO THE
TOES

HANDS IN THE
HOLES

AND FLIP!



Some tips and tricks to get school ready...

Getting dressed

- Practise, practise, practise!
- When you are not in a rush, give your child plenty of time to have a go independently.
- Make it into a game with a timer
- Make getting dressed fun by put on fancy dress clothes, dressing dolls and teddies
- Set challenges by turning clothes inside out



Some tips and tricks to get school ready...

Recognising their name

- Write the letter of their name on toys and see if they can put them in order.
- Add name labels to your children's clothes that are easy for them to recognise



Some tips and tricks to get school ready...

Making choices

- Give them two choices of snack or a toy for them to choose between
- Model making your own simple choices and giving reasons



Some tips and tricks to get school ready...

Tidying up

- Give children responsibility of tidying up after themselves at home
- Use the language of 'respecting our belongings'



Some tips and tricks to get school ready...

Going to the toilet

- To help with practice to wipe bottoms – stick some stickers on the back of their clothes and let them practice reaching around to peel them off.



Some tips and tricks to get school ready...

Using utensils

- Encourage children to cut up food by themselves
- Practise by cutting up playdough or kinetic sand



Reminder of What to Pack Each day

- **All uniform to be labelled** – even socks and pants!
- Coat every day.
- Book bag – containing reading book and reading record (everyday please)
- If packed lunch – variety of foods and **NO NUTS!**
- Water bottle (only water)
- Weather dependent:-
 - Warm hats, scarves and gloves (the children have free-flow outside)
 - In the summer – sun hats and sun cream (we would advise you to apply this before school).



Let's Connect

Class Dojo – This is where we will send whole class notices.



Tapestry – This is your child's online learning journey. We will share pictures from the school day and you can share pictures from home.



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Our Website – www.st-gregorygreat.gloucs.sch.uk

You will find lots of useful information on here including the dinner menu, term dates, newsletters.

