



St Gerard's Catholic Primary School



Summer Term 2024 Curriculum Newsletter

Year Group: Year 1

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Welcome back!

We hope you have all had a wonderful and relaxing Easter break with your family.

This term we will be looking at materials and then we will revisit the topic of animals including humans. The children will be stepping back in time to continue to learn about the lives of David Attenborough and we will start to look at other significant people like Neil Armstrong and Mae Jemison .



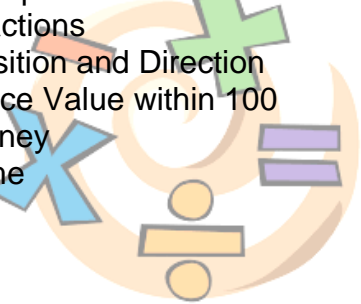
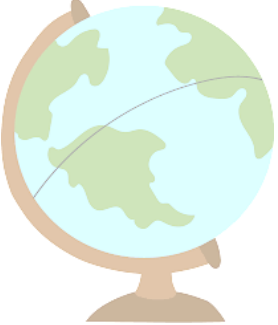
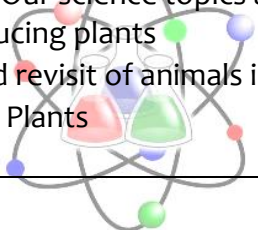
We will also be continuing to learn about hot and cold countries and we will begin to look at mapping and fieldworks skills.

Please ensure your child brings a water bottle into school daily and their reading books / reading records.

Reading books will be changed on a Friday and new homework will also be set.

Please give us a ring if we can ever be of any help or catch me at the end of the school day.

Keep an eye on Facebook too as we will be posting regular updates and pictures!

<p style="text-align: center;">English</p> <p>In our reading we will be completing work on these stories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There's a Rang-Tan in my Bedroom • And Tango Makes Three • The Lion Inside • The Hare and The Tortoise • The Proudest Blue: A story of Hijab and Family <p>In our writing we will be working on the following genres:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poetry - Pattern and Rhyme • Writing Informal Letters • Setting Descriptions • Poetry on a Theme • Instructional Writing 	<p style="text-align: center;">Religious Education</p> <p>Our RE topics for this term are:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Holidays and Holy Days Being Sorry Neighbours</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">History</p> <p>Our history topic is:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The lives of more significant people - Neil Armstrong, Tim Peake and Mae Jemison.</p> 	
<p style="text-align: center;">Maths</p> <p>In our maths we will be learning about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiplication and Division • Fractions • Position and Direction • Place Value within 100 • Money • Time 	<p style="text-align: center;">PE</p> <p>We will be focussing on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<p style="text-align: center;">Geography</p> <p>Our geography topic is:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hot and cold locations. Then studying mapping and fieldwork skills.</p> 	
<p style="text-align: center;">Science</p> <p>Our science topics are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introducing plants • Second revisit of animals including humans • Revisit Plants 	<p style="text-align: center;">Computing</p> <p>Our computing topics are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Safety • Bee-Bots 	<p style="text-align: center;">Art & Design</p> <p>We will be focusing on 3D and collage.</p> <p>We will look at the work of Kenojuak Ashevak and Paul Klee.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Design & Technology</p> <p>We will be looking at Food and Nutrition and Textiles..</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">PSHE - Health and Wellbeing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will follow the new 'myhappymind' 			

Parents' Information Page

PE - Your child in Year 1 will be doing PE on a Monday and Friday. As before, the children will be expected to come to school in PE kit on their PE days.

Correct PE kit MUST be worn, this includes sensible footwear. (See below for expectations of the PE kit).

FOOTBALL KITS / COLOURED T SHIRTS AND BRANDED CLOTHING MUST NOT BE WORN FOR PE.

If your child does not wear the correct PE kit, they will be expected to change into a spare kit from school. Children from Reception to year 6 are required to wear the kit specified below. Wearing the correct kit is important for issues or health and safety, school identity and avoidance of bullying.

Indoor PE Kit	Outdoor PE Kit
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plain white t-shirt or polo shirt;• Navy blue or black loose fitting shorts;• Plimsolls or training shoes - these should be a different pair from their school shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plain white t-shirt or polo shirt;• Navy blue or black loose fitting shorts;• Navy blue or black tracksuit bottoms;• Navy blue or black tracksuit top or sweatshirt• St Gerard's blue hoodie.• Training shoes - these should be a different pair from their school shoes <p>Dates for your diary - Phonics Screening test - W/C Monday June 10th 2024 Please support your child in achieving their potential in this by reading daily and completing their weekly phonics homework.</p>

PLEASE ENSURE ALL YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHES ARE MARKED WITH THEIR NAME

We're looking forward to a successful final term in Year 1!

Any questions, worries or concerns, please pop in and see us!

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Reading at Home

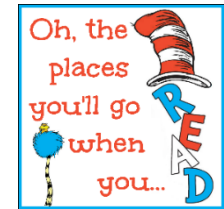
At St. Gerard's Catholic Primary School, we value reading as a lifelong learning skill and we know how important it is to work in partnership with parents, carers, grandparents and family members to encourage our children to develop a genuine love of reading.

Please try to read with your child at home every day for 15 minutes. We know how busy life can get so if you don't manage every day, we ask that you listen to your child read at least 4 times per week.

Please return your child's reading pack to school **every day**.

Inside your child's reading pack you will find:

- **A reading book** that is closely matched to your child's reading ability. This is the book that your child should read to you.
- **A reading for pleasure book.** This is a book that your child has chosen for you to read to them and enjoy!
- **A reading record.** Please write a comment when you have read with your child.
- **A reading prompt question mat** for ideas of questions to ask your child about their books.



We will listen to your child read their school book at least once during the school week and record comments in their reading record.

We would like you to listen to your child read their school book **at least 4 times a week**.

It is important to re-read this book so that your child becomes familiar with reading a text and therefore a more fluent reader. Your child's book will be changed when they can read it fluently.

The reading for pleasure book that your child brings home is for you to read and enjoy with your child. This will be changed weekly.

Please make a record of when you have listened to your child read in their reading record.

- Please use the reading prompt question mat in your pack and share some questions with your child about what they have just read.
- Your child's phonic / scheme reading book will be changed once a week so long as your child can read it fluently.
- Your child will choose a reading for pleasure book once a week too, so long as it is returned.
- Please feel free to read a book of your choice with your child at home too.

Remember – your child will progress faster by reading in short bursts daily rather than for a longer period of time just once!

