



St Gerard's Catholic Primary School



Autumn Term 2025-26 Curriculum Newsletter

Year Group: Year 1

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Welcome back!

I hope you have all had a wonderful and relaxing break.



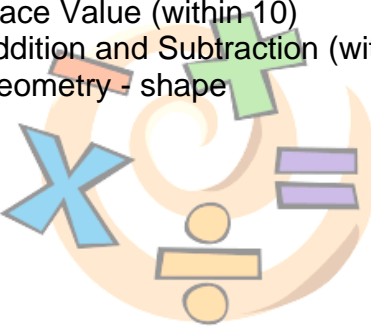
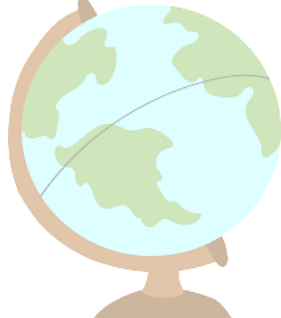

This term we will be looking at seasonal changes and the weather and introduce plants including trees. We will learn about the different types of animals and their similarities and differences. The children will be stepping back in time to learn about how shops have changed and what types of shops there were.

We will also be learning about the continents, oceans and the countries of the UK.

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

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

Keep an eye on Facebook too as I will be posting 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"> ● Beegu ● Where the Wild Things Are ● The Storm Whale ● The Owl and the Pussycat ● The Boy Who Cried Wolf <p>In our writing we will be working on the following genres:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Poetry, ● Setting descriptions ● Stories with familiar settings ● Instructional writing 	<p style="text-align: center;">Religious Education</p> <p>Our RE topics for this term are: Creation and Covenant Phrophecy To Promise Judaism</p> 		<p style="text-align: center;">History</p> <p>Our history topic is: Changes within living memory</p> 	
<p style="text-align: center;">Maths</p> <p>In our maths we will be learning about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Place Value (within 10) ● Addition and Subtraction (within 10) ● Geometry - shape 	<p style="text-align: center;">PE</p> <p>We will be focussing on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fundamental Movement Skills ● Locomotion ● Invasion Game Skills 		<p style="text-align: center;">Geography</p> <p>Our geography topic is: Continents, Oceans, UK countries, capital cities and surrounding seas.</p> 	
<p style="text-align: center;">Science</p> <p>Our science topics are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Seasonal changes and daily weather ● Introducing plants including trees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Animals Including Humans 	<p style="text-align: center;">Computing</p> <p>Our computing topics are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Online Safety 		<p style="text-align: center;">Art & Design</p> <p>We will be focussing on our drawing skills and painting skills. We will look at the work of Albrecht Durer and Piet Mondrian.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">PSHE - Health and Wellbeing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● I am Unique ● Feeling, Likes and Dislikes 		<p style="text-align: center;">Design & Technology</p> <p>We will be looking at mechanisms and structures</p>		

Parents' Information Page

PE - Your child in Year 1 will be doing PE on a **Tuesday 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
PLEASE ENSURE ALL YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHES ARE MARKED WITH THEIR NAME	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School blue PE t-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"> ● School blue PE t-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>Homework will be sent out on a Friday and should be completed and returned to school the following Friday. Each week your child will be asked to complete:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A maths skills sheet – this will be based on what we have learnt that week in maths. ● An English skills sheet that will link to either grammar, punctuation or our phonics that we have been learning in class ● Daily reading (please see your child's reading record for information). 	<p>Dates for your diary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tuesday 30th September - 9am Year 1 'Maths Morning' ● Monday 22nd September - 3pm Phonics screening Test parent information session ● Monday 13th October - Stay and read followed by a phonics lesson 9am ● Friday 28th November - Stay and Pray 9am <p>Please be aware that these may be subject to change</p>

We're looking forward to a successful year!

Any questions, worries or concerns, please pop in and see me!
Miss Brown

Reading at Home

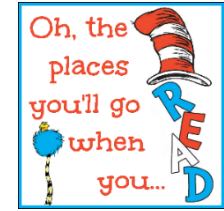
At St. Gerard's Catholic Primary School, we value reading as a lifelong learning skill and we know how important it is to work in partnership with parents, carers, grandparents and family members to encourage our children to develop a genuine love of reading.

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!

