



St Michael and St John's RC Primary School

Gregory Class Curriculum Overview Autumn 1

"Following the example of Jesus,
together we learn, love and respect one
another to be the best we can be."

English – This term in English, Year 4/5 pupils will delve into Anthony Browne's classic picture book <i>Gorilla</i> to write their own fantasy narratives. Children will explore themes of family and loneliness, evaluate descriptive language, and analyse how settings and character emotions are built. Throughout the unit, they will refine key grammar skills—such as using expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials, and dialogue—before planning, drafting, and editing an adventure story featuring their own animal creation.	Maths We will be focusing on: Number and place value Addition and subtraction.
Science – This term in Year 4 Science, children will investigate the enquiry question "What happens to our food?" by exploring human teeth, the digestive system, and food chains. Pupils will research the functions of different types of teeth (incisors, canines, and molars), test toothpaste effectiveness, and trace how organs like the stomach and intestines digest food to absorb nutrients. Finally, they will learn how energy moves through nature by identifying producers, consumers, predators, and prey.	Geography This term, pupils will explore the unit "Exploring Europe" by locating countries, capital cities, and regions using atlases and globes. Children will compare physical features like mountains and rivers with human landmarks and population centres, before carrying out local fieldwork to compare their own area to European locations. Finally, they will synthesize their learning by designing detailed maps using keys, scale, compass directions, and grid references.
RE – Creation and Covenant Pupils will explore the key religious themes of Creation and Covenant, learning about the beauty of the natural world, stewardship, and God's promises and special relationships with people throughout history.	Computing – In Computing we will focus on how to be safe online and quizzing.
DT – This term in DT, the children will design and make an eye-catching, durable Pixel Art Bookmark. We will be using cross stitch to create this environmentally friendly and re-usable bookmark.	Music – Our first unit is called Shaping Music. We will be learning to: Improvise freely over a groove; Compose a short piece using Music Notepad. In this unit, pupils will explore improvisation using the backing of My Best Friend as the accompaniment and stimulus.
CST – The Dignity of the Human Person Pupils will explore the concept of human dignity, learning that every person has innate value and worth, while discussing how showing respect, fairness, and empathy builds inclusive communities and protects human rights.	French – In French we will be focusing on Phonetics 1-3 and Ice Creams.
PSHE – Religious Understanding and Me, My Body, My Health, Emotional Wellbeing and Lifecycles.	PE – Swimming, Invasion Games and Gymnastics In Weeks 1 and 2, children will develop water confidence and essential stroke mechanics in swimming. Across the rest of the unit, pupils will build spatial awareness and tactical teamwork through invasion games, while refining balance, coordination, and sequences in gymnastics.