

# AUTUMN TERM IN ST GREGORY'S

Welcome back. I hope you had a wonderful Summer break and you have enjoyed the time with your children. We are now starting a new term and hope that the children are ready for the exciting challenges ahead.

## ART

In our Art lessons, we will discuss the concept of sculpture and the different ways to create models. They will Investigate different techniques to communicate their ideas. The children will say what they think and feel about their own and others' work and suggest ways of improving their own work.

## HISTORY

This term our topic is War and Remembrance. They will find out about the life and death of a soldier from the First World War as well as the reasons behind Remembrance day. Please feel free to send in any war memorabilia you may have.

## GEOGRAPHY

Our topic this term in Geography is Seaside and Town. We will be looking at the different features of seaside areas and towns and then comparing them. We will be looking at different activities in the different areas.

## MATHS

The children will be focusing on a range of different areas this term meeting their individual needs. These will include the 4 operations and applying them to problem solving. Some homework will be given on **My Maths** - **please encourage your children to access the site as it will support their learning and reinforce work done in school. I will be keeping a regular record of your children's access to this.**

Please continue to practice x-tables. Top Marks, Hit the button, on the computer is a great speed test.

## CLASS 4

## COMPUTING

DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THE TERM THE CHILDREN WILL BECOME DIGITAL ARTISTS THEY WILL NEED TO SELECT AND USE SIMPLE TOOLS (PEN, BRUSH, FILL, AND SPRAY) FROM A COMPUTER PROGRAM

## SCIENCE

This term we will be investigating the topic of Animals including Humans (Please could you encourage your child to think about how to be healthy, including diet and exercise). They will be researching facts about different types of animals.

## DT

In DT we will be focusing on planning, designing, making, testing and evaluating the construction of a moving picture.

Children will discuss their ideas as they develop and be able to say what their design has to do. They will create a picture that moves using different techniques. If you have any examples of moving picture books at home please share these with your children.

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## IMPORTANT DATES

Parents' evening – 25<sup>th</sup> October

Class Assembly – 30<sup>th</sup> November

Carol service (Y2 pupils) – 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm

– 7<sup>th</sup> December 9:15am

Nativity (Y1 pupils) – 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm and 630pm

KS1 disco – 19<sup>th</sup> December 3 – 4:15pm

### P.E

Our class P.E session on a Monday PM (gymnastics) and our Games sessions on a Thursday PM. Please ensure all children have their P.E. and Outdoor Games kit as it is an essential part of the National Curriculum. Children will need a tracksuit (joggers and a warm jumper/hoodie), a T-shirt and outdoor trainers. Socks will be needed if children are wearing tights. We will be going out in most weathers, so it essential children are dressed appropriately.

### R.E.

In R.E. we are studying the Creation Story, Families and Celebrations, How we Pray, Advent and Christmas. We will be discussing the importance of being respectful and reverent at these times.

### LITERACY

This term we will again be focusing on grammar, spelling and punctuation in a range of texts. This will link clearly to the children's extended writing. We will study a variety of genres and use these to develop our vocabulary. Spelling test will be on a Friday- can you please help your child learn the rules for their words and practise this regularly using joined handwriting. There will also be specific time for guided reading where children will read specifically with the teacher.

### READING

During this term I am hoping to increase the number of children who move onto junior books/free readers. To do this it is important that your child reads on a regular basis in order for them to progress through the levels. Reading is a vital part of your child's Literacy work so please continue to offer your support by encouraging them to read daily and questioning them on the events in the stories they read. Please write in the diaries any comments or concerns but also make notes of any other reading material your children read.