

# YEAR 3 @ GST

## AUTUMN TERM NEWS



### Message from Miss Maguire

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to year 3! I hope you have all had a wonderful time over the 6-week school holiday making lovely summer memories with your child.

It has been fantastic to meet all the children and help make them feel as comfortable as possible in the transition to KS2. I will be providing a broad and balanced curriculum to your children whilst always putting their happiness first.

We've got lots of exciting learning opportunities coming this term with lessons following our overarching theme of home comforts.

All home support with reading, homework and spelling is greatly appreciated and will make a big difference to your child's progress. I look forward to meeting you all, please find an overview of this term below 😊

Best wishes,

Miss Maguire



### Key days of the week

**Mondays**

**Tuesdays**

**PE**

**Wednesdays**

**Thursdays**

**Homework handed in**

**PE**

**Fridays**

**Homework and spellings**

**sent out**

**Spelling test**

### Reminders

- Please ensure your child's homework pack is in their bag everyday.
- Please ensure PE kits are in school each day.
- Times table rockstars and spelling shed are fantastic resources to interact with at home.
- Accelerated reader reminder, continue to complete the quiz when the whole book is finished.

### Coming up for Year 3...

- Local visit to Garstang high street
- History trip to Judges' Lodgings
- Tough Mudder date to be confirmed



## Autumn Term Learning

Further curriculum information is available [here](#)

Throughout this term we will be focusing on the transition from year 2 to year 3. We have a exciting and engaging lessons planned under the theme of 'Home comforts' moving through to 'My body is a temple'.

## English

In English we are reading 'A Bear Called Paddington' focusing on creative story writing moving into informative writing. 'The green children' is the next unit progression involving Folk Tales, Instructions and letters.

## Maths

In the autumn term in mathematics, we are covering the topics of place value, addition and subtraction, and multiplication and division. We will ensure that the 2s, 5s and 10 times tables from year 2 are secure and start the learning of the 3s and 4s timetables.

## Science

In this term we will be focusing learning on, skeletons, movement, diet, and nutrition. Children will be learning about bones, joints, and nutrition. The next topic investigates types of rocks.

## RE

We will be learning about the harvest and why it is celebrated. Towards the end of the autumn, we will move onto the topic of Christmas and the importance and impact of Jesus.

## History

Local history, school life and transport will be the topic of this half term, we will question how Garstang is different now compared to when school was built in 1871 and we will further investigate the history of the Lancaster canal and transportation in the past.

## Geography

This term we are looking at our local geography of Garstang, with a special focus on land use maps and physical/human features in towns.

## Art and Design

We will be creating with charcoal using different drawing exercises following a drawing pathway, we will have a big push on individual creativity.

## Design and Technology

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the term, we will be making sandwiches.

## Music

We will start with 'writing down music' this will consist of using instruments to understand notes visually, moving onto 'playing in a band' to finish autumn term 2.

## PE

Indoor PE will consist of gymnastics and our outdoor PE will focus on invasion games starting with netball and after 6 weeks of netball progressing to touch ball.

## Computing

In this term children will work on their programming skills using Scratch. In the second half of the term we will be creating media.

## Languages

In French, we are learning greetings and numbers/alphabet.

## PSHE

We are starting with a topic called 'me and my relationships' this involves discussion and activities based on rules and respect towards others. Our next topic will be valuing differences.

### Contact us

#### Questions about learning

Please contact me on the GST school app.

#### Concerns

If you have a concern about something in school, please get in touch with me to arrange a telephone call or meeting.

#### Absence/appointments etc.

Please send a message to the school office on the GST school app.

#### Breakfast club and after school club

Please e-mail: [office@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:office@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk).

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urgently with school, please  
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