

YEAR 4 @ GST

AUTUMN TERM NEWS



Message from Miss Maher

Dear Parent/Carer,

A very warm welcome to Year 4! I hope you had a lovely summer break and are feeling refreshed for the new academic year.

It has been so exciting to meet the children this week and guide them into the world of being a Year 4 pupil! It has been lovely to see all their smiling faces every morning, ready and prepared to learn.

The children are clear of the expectations that coincide with moving further up the school and are all more than ready for the challenges, learning and fun that Year 4 will bring! After a wonderful week, we are all excited to see the children continue to progress and flourish within this Autumn term.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year together working with you all!

Best wishes,

Miss Maher



Key days of the week

Mondays

Tuesdays

Wednesdays

PE

Thursdays

Homework and Spelling book handed into school

Fridays

PE

New homework and spellings sent home

Spelling test

LAMDA homework (towards the end of the term)

Reminders

- Please ensure your child's homework pack is in their bag

Coming up for Year 4...

- **LAMDA! The children will sit their assessment on the 13/12/24.**
- **A visit to a cotton mill to support their learning in history.**
- **Meet the teacher on 12/9/24 at 6pm**



Autumn Term Learning

Further curriculum information is available [here](#)

We have lots of exciting topics planned for the Autumn term in Year 4, the children will explore each topic in a practical and engaging way to ensure they are successful in their learning and make the best possible progress whilst simultaneously enjoying the learning process.

English

English will begin with a bridging unit all about the Loch Ness Monster to ensure the children have the smoothest transition possible from Year 3 into Year 4. The children will create a newspaper article and their own narrative based on the Loch Ness Monster.

Maths

We will cover maths topics on place value, addition and subtraction, area and multiplication and division. Children will work with numbers up to 10,000 and continue to build their fluency with their multiplication tables facts.

Science

The children will learn about the different animal groups and how we classify both plants and animals which will be followed by a unit looking at the different states of matter.

RE

We will read the stories of David and consider important qualities of kingship and friendship. After half term, children will explore the symbolism of light during our Christmas unit.

History

In history, the children will learn about how Preston changed after the Industrial Revolution, with a focus on the Lancashire Cotton Industry.

Geography

The children will learn about the importance of taking care of the environment, including issues around litter and waste. They will recognise how people can adversely affect, as well as improve, the environment.

Art and Design

The children will explore storytelling through art through the creation of zines.

Design and Technology

The children will build on their sewing skills in DT to create passport holders with a running stitch, overstitch and blanket stitch.

Music

Our theme for music will be 'musical structures', within which the children will explore the social question 'How does music bring us together?'. Singing and listening will be the key skills placed at the heart of our music lessons. Children will be given the opportunity to respond to music using instruments.

PE

This term children will undertake P.E units on basketball and dance. Basketball lessons will be on a Wednesday afternoon and will take place outside. Dance lessons will be on a Friday afternoon and will take place in the hall.

Computing

The children will be focusing on programming and will have a go at creating their own code. They will use Logo, a text-based programming language. In the second half term, pupils will consider how and why data is collected over time.

Languages

The children will have their French lessons with Monsieur Hope on a Monday afternoon where they will be exploring where they live and the days of the week.

PSHE

We will cover age related topics over the year. This term we will be concentrating on 'Me and My Relationships' and 'Valuing Difference'.

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.

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