

YEAR 5 @ GST

AUTUMN TERM NEWS



Message from Mrs Bosson and Mrs Taylor

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back...to Year 5-the first year of the final phase of your child's primary education, Upper Keystage 2! Learning in Year 5 is pacy and rigorous, and every moment is important. We expect smart working and smart work in all lessons, and that the children have a go at all the opportunities presented to them. Everyone in Year 5 should take their turn as part of the team, be able to work in different partnerships and groups, valuing other's ideas. This year will present more challenges and responsibilities for the children. We encourage them to be independent in organising their school equipment carefully and in completing their homework on time. This term they will be asked to take on the role of Playground Leaders and embark on an exciting new training scheme to become Police Mini-Cadets!

Best Wishes for a successful term,
Mrs Bosson (Monday to Thursday)
and Mrs Taylor (Tuesday pm and Friday)
and Year 5 Learning Coaches:
Mrs Gould and Mrs Legge



Key days of the week

Mondays

PE

Tuesdays

Mini Police Cadets

Wednesdays

Trumpet

Thursdays

Homework in

Spelling Test

Fridays

Homework out

PE

Reminders

Please encourage your child to be independent but check they have:

- ✓ **Their reading book and water bottle in their bag each day.**
- ✓ **Their trumpet on Wednesdays- we have no spares this year**
- ✓ **Homework folders on Thursday ready to go out again on Friday**
- ✓ **PE kit on Monday**
- ✓ **Police Mini-Cadet uniform on Tuesday**

Coming up for Year 5...

- ✚ **RAF Lego STEM workshop!**
- ✚ **Mini Police Cadet Training!**
- ✚ **Playground Leader Training!**
- ✚ **Educational Visit to Southport Eco Centre!**



Autumn Term Learning

Further curriculum information is available [here](#)

From the past into the future our Autumn Term learning journey will take us into a world of imagination, invention, innovation and space exploration.

English

Using the story of The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe, we will create our own story and write non-chronological reports about mythical beasts. We'll move on to explore the worlds of science fiction and use structured poetry to express our ideas about the universe and beyond.

Maths

As mathematicians this term, we will work on place value in 6-digit numbers, addition and subtraction using larger numbers, multiples, factors and prime numbers, followed by fractions.

Science

As scientists, we will explore forces and their effects. We will go on to study our solar system and our place in space. We will then learn about the effects of global warming on our planet.

RE

Our first theological enquiry will be "Why is the Bible so important to Christians?" We'll then go on to investigate Matthew and Luke's versions of the nativity story as we wonder "What does the Bible tell us about the real meaning of Christmas?"

History

As Historians we will be exploring the legacy of the Early Islamic Civilisation- a Golden Age of ideas and invention.

Geography

We'll ask the question "Is there enough for everyone?", look at how climate and factors affect the world's food production, and consider the impact of food waste and our carbon footprint.

Art and Design

As artists we will follow a drawing pathway, exploring typography and mapmaking.

Design and Technology

This terms DT will be a food project to create a low-carbon footprint seasonal soup with some freshly baked bread of our own design.

Music

Mr. Boardman will be teaching us to play the trumpet. At the end of the term, you will be invited to our first concert, when we will share our progress and practice our performance skills.

PE

In gymnastics, we will explore balancing skills. We'll create our own games and then dances around the theme of space exploration, as well as practising skills for indoor athletics.

Computing

To help us understand how to search the internet safely, our first unit of work will be Computing Systems and Searching. We'll move on to create media in the form of vector drawings.

Languages

Monsieur Hope will be teaching French on Mondays. We'll expand our vocabulary around the face, food, the supermarket, directions, clothes and sports.

PSHE

As the first primary school in Garstang to take on the challenge of Police Mini-Cadet Training, we will learn how the police serve us and what we can do to serve others in the community.

Contact us

Questions about learning

Please contact us 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.

**If you need to get in touch
urgently with school, please
call the school office on
01995 603454**