

YEAR 6 @ GST

AUTUMN TERM NEWS



Message from Mrs Stewart

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to school. Year 6 have made a great start to their final year at GST- I am very impressed! I am looking forward to quickly getting to know all the children and their families and doing my very best for everyone.

We are aiming to be Year 7 secondary school ready this year – academically, personally and socially, and developing independence is key to this success. In Y6, we have very strong routines which are outlined opposite. Please support your child to be independent in terms of having the correct books, PE kit, homework etc in school on the right day. Please also encourage and support your child to read a wide range of fiction/non-fiction /authors at home and to have their reading book in school every day. Thank you.

All the Year 6 teaching team are looking forward to a positive and happy year. Please do contact me if you have any questions and I will be happy to help.

Best wishes,
Mrs Stewart



Key days of the week

Mondays

Spellings set

Tuesdays

PE

Wednesdays

Thursdays

PE

Homework handed in

Fridays

Spelling test

Homework set

Reminders

- The classroom door opens at 8:40am – please be prompt, there is always work on the board to get brains working 😊
- Please keep a copy of logins and passwords at home.

Coming up for Year 6...

- Meet the teacher evening on 9.9.24
- Parent information meeting about London residential on 9.9.24
- London residential 8th-9th October 2024
- Look out for secondary school open evenings
- Secondary school applications close 31.10.24



Autumn Term Learning

Further curriculum information is available [here](#)

English

English work will be based initially on the survival adventure novel *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell moving on to a new novel, *The Nowhere Emporium* by Ross MacKenzie. We will be developing our reading strategies for comprehension, dramatizing, discussing and debating issues arising in the text and looking at a variety of writing structures in our responses to the story, including writing in role. We'll follow on by exploring and then writing biographical texts of famous people who inspire us.

Maths

Our maths learning this term will include: place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Later we will move on to fractions and converting units of measurements.

Science

As scientists, we will learn about living things in their habitats and the classification system developed by the scientist Carl Linnaeus. Later in the term, we will learn about electricity, circuits and how electricity can be produced sustainably. c v v

RE

In RE, during the first half term, the children will be considering 'life as a journey' and what it means to make that journey as a Christian and after half term, we will of course be learning about Christmas.

History

In history, we will learn about the Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England. We will be heading off to Clitheroe castle later in the year to learn about the rise and fall of the last Anglo-Saxon kings, be part of a Viking and Norman invasion force and discover the key moments of the three major battles that took place in 1066.

Geography

Linking with our exciting residential trip to London, we will be learning about the human and physical geography of our capital city.

Art and Design

In art, we will be using our sketch books to enjoy developing drawing skills before turning some of our drawings into 3D models and sculptures.

Design and Technology

In DT, we will be combining work on structures, electrical systems and coding to create an amazing advertising hoarding for a tourist attraction in London.

Music

In music, we will be learning with Mrs Gaughan. We will be learning how to read musical notation and compose our own songs, developing ensemble skills and also covering music technology.

PE

Our PE focus this term is dance alongside invasion games (including hockey) and athletics.

Computing

In computing, we will learn how to programme variables in a game and how to design and create 3D models on the printer.

Languages

Our French topics this term include learning about hobbies and sports as well as jobs and careers.

PSHE

In PSHE, we will be exploring our relationships with ourselves and others before moving onto explore and value 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.

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