

# Nursery @ GST

## SPRING TERM NEWS



### Message from Mrs Wilson

Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year!

We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas break and are feeling refreshed. A huge thank you for the lovely Christmas cards, messages, and gifts we received; your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. We want to extend a warm welcome to all our new children and families joining us this term.

This term, we have exciting topics and themes planned that will inspire creativity and collaboration. Our preschoolers will begin a more focused approach to their learning in phonics and maths, setting a solid foundation for their future development.

As always, we'll continue to keep you updated via Tapestry, sharing details about what's happening in nursery. We anticipate a fantastic term ahead, filled with love, laughter, and plenty of learning!

Best wishes,  
Mrs Wilson



### Key days of the week

**Mondays**

**Tuesdays**

**School Library Visit  
(Preschoolers)**

**Wednesdays**

**School Library Visit  
(Preschoolers)**

**Thursdays**

**School Library Visit  
(Preschoolers)**

**PE**

**(Preschoolers)**

**Fridays**

**PE**

**(Preschoolers)**

### Reminders

- The children are provided with a morning and afternoon snack and a drink of milk or water. Drinking water is available all the time.

Coming up for  
Nursery...

- Parents Drop in: 16.01.25 @ 7 p.m.
- World Book Day 6.03.25 – dress up as a book character

## Spring Term Learning

Further curriculum information is available [here](#)

Nursery will be focusing on two topics this spring term. During the first half term, we are learning about the fascinating world of polar bears and penguins! We'll explore why polar bears have such thick fur and discover the unique landscapes of the North and South Poles. During the second half of the term, we will focus on "What Does a Farmer Do?" This topic will explore the fascinating journey of our food, from farm to table. We'll find out where our food comes from, how it grows and the vital role farmers play in caring for their animals and crops.

## Communication and language

We will be encouraging the children to join in and recall stories, focusing on repetition for better understanding. We'll also encourage them to pose their own simple questions to discover more about their world. We will be developing our vocabulary by introducing different words, including scientific terms linked to our exciting learning topics.

## Personal, social and emotional development

This term, the children will be encouraged to select and use resources appropriately, boosting their confidence in new social situations. Additionally, we'll emphasise the importance of managing hygiene, proper hand washing and toileting routines.

## Physical development

This term we're focusing on demonstrating strength, balance, and coordination as well as experimenting with various ways of moving, learning to negotiate space and obstacles safely, encouraging their confidence and agility. In addition to physical skills, we will be using a range of tools effectively, including pencils and scissors, to enhance their fine motor skills.

## Literacy

In literacy this term, we're excited to engage in fun activities that will help our children develop their Phase 1 Phonics skills. We'll be focusing on sequencing and retelling stories, encouraging the children to share their favourite tales and understand story structures. Additionally, we will incorporate story vocabulary during play to enhance their language skills.

## Mathematics

In maths this term, we will be exploring the different aspects of size, height, and length between various objects. Alongside this, we'll be making comparisons between quantities and ensuring we can confidently say one number name for each item we see. We'll also be looking at the number 3 in different ways. We will be creating and extending ABAB patterns.

## Understanding the world

In understanding the world, we will explore different countries and discuss our own experiences. We will learn about the importance of the need to respect and care for our natural environment and all living things. Throughout our activities, children will engage their senses in hands-on explorations of natural materials, fostering a deeper connection to the world around them.

## Expressive arts and design

This term, the children will learn to develop their own designs and select materials that spark their creativity. They'll also have the chance to create and adapt their designs in fun and imaginative ways. Additionally, children will invent and adapt their own stories through both role play and small world play, encouraging teamwork and storytelling skills.

## Religious Education

We will be introducing the children to simple bible stories encouraging the children to feel confident and comfortable communicating with God. We aim to create a safe and nurturing environment for children to explore their spirituality.

## Contact us

### Questions about learning

Please contact me on the GST school app or e-mail: [awilson@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:awilson@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk).

### Concerns

If you have a concern about something in nursery, 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.

### Session times, billing & general queries

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

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