

Reception @ GST

SPRING TERM NEWS



Message from Mrs Taylor

Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year! What an amazing class our Reception class is. The children have made a remarkable start in all aspects of school life. It was such a joy to see the children's curiosity and enthusiasm for learning each school day. It has been so lovely to watch how each child has grown and developed in their knowledge and understanding since starting school in September.

This term is full of questions that will really get the children thinking and hooked on learning. It has been lovely to see how excited the children are to learn about animals and where they live. We have already had lots of questions.

Thank you for all your support so far. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes,

Mrs Taylor



Key days of the week

Mondays

PE

Tuesdays

Wednesdays

**Homework due in
Library book change**

Thursdays

Homework sent out

Fridays

Reminders

- Please continue supporting reading at home. Thank you

Coming up for Reception...

- Educational visit tbc
- Confident Minds' day (Growth Mindset) 20.01.25
- Garstang's Got Talent 13.02.25
- World Book Day (dress as a favourite book character) 6.03.25



Spring Term Learning

Further curriculum information is available [here](#)

Our first spring topic is based around the question, 'Who's afraid of the big, bad lion?' Children will learn about lions from Africa. They will explore African music linked to geography. Children will also discover what a silhouette is in art. In science, children will learn what animals eat and where they live. Next half term we will be looking at, 'Are plants alive?' We will explore where plants come from and what they need to grow successfully. Children will learn how to take care of plants through watering, sunlight exposure, and nurturing.

Key text for this half term:

- The Ugly Five
- Bear Hunt
- The Lion Inside
- Meerkat Mail
- Geckos Echo
- One day in the...Savannah

Key text for next half term:

- Jack & the Beanstalk
- Oliver's Vegetables
- The Extraordinary Gardener
- The Wall & the Wild
- The Tiny Seed
- A Fruit is a Suitcase for Seeds

Communication and language

We will be providing the children with lots of opportunities to develop their communication and language skills including a focus on the use of questions, statements and back and forth conversations.

Personal, social and emotional development

We will be thinking about how we can keep ourselves safe and how sometimes we need an adult to help us. Then we will continue to think about our feelings in more depth.

Physical development

In PE, we will be thinking of different ways we can travel and then applying these skills when using apparatus. Children will also be continuing to learn their rolls and throwing skills.

Literacy

We will be continuing our literacy work with Read Write Inc sessions as well as other reading and writing in continuous provision. We will be encouraging children to use finger spaces and full stops too.

Mathematics

In mathematics, we will begin to look at the number bonds to 10. Children will then look at how to add and subtract. After that, we will look at patterns.

Understanding the world

We've got a busy term of developing understanding the world including knowing about habitats, similarities and differences between Garstang and Kenya, observing plants and how to look after their own plant.

Expressive arts and design

We will be using different prints to create our own animal. This will then be added to the children's sunset background that they will make using paint.

Religious Education

In RE, we are going to be listening to the stories that Jesus heard and told and then the Easter story.

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**