

YEAR 1 @ GST

SPRING TERM NEWS



Message from Miss Mercer

Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year! I hope you have enjoyed a wonderful Christmas break! We have enjoyed welcoming the children back to school and we are ready to embark on a new and exciting term of learning. The children have quickly settled back into their school routines.

This term, the children will be expected to work more independently and for sustained periods of time.

Phonics is important in Year 1 so please continue to support your child with their reading at home. Any comments are greatly valued. Please support your child with their homework, reading and spelling the words on their reading rockets.

On the back of this page, please find an overview of the work planned for Spring term. I hope you find the information helpful. 😊

Best wishes,

Miss Mercer



Key days of the week

Mondays

Tuesdays

PE

Wednesdays

Homework folder to be handed in
Children will take home a library book

Thursdays

Homework folder will be sent home

PE

Fridays

Reminders

- Please ensure your child's homework pack is in their bag each day.
- After you have read with your child, please sign their reading record.
- Children will be visiting the library on a Wednesday afternoon so please ensure library books are returned to school.

Coming up for Year 1...

- School trip to Blackpool Zoo TBC
- Confident Minds' day (Growth Mindset) 20.01.25
- Great Fire of London Examine the Evidence Zoom Workshop – 12.02.25
- 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](#)

Below is an overview of the curriculum that will be covered in the spring term.

English

Children will continue to learn the Set 3 sounds whilst recapping Set 1 and 2. We will enjoy a range of stories which we will base our writing on. Children will be taught to punctuate their sentences using a capital letter and full stop. They will also be taught to join words and clauses using and. Children will continue to work on their letter formation.

Maths

This term, children will complete units on place value (within 20), addition and subtraction (within 20), place value (within 50), length, height, mass and volume.

Science

We will learn about five of the groups used to classify animals: mammals, fish, birds, reptiles and amphibians. In the second half term, we will learn about plants and caring for the planet.

RE

Our RE units this term are 'Jesus' and 'Easter'. We will explore Bible stories which reveal Jesus' power and miracles. In the second half term, children will hear and retell the Easter Story.

History

We will learn about the key events of the Great Fire of London using historical sources. We will compare life in the 17th century to the present day and explore why the fire spread so quickly.

Geography

We will investigate the UK by locating the four countries and capital cities on a map. Children will investigate UK weather, capital cities, towns, countryside and the seaside.

Art and Design

Children will be introduced to watercolour. Through an exploratory approach, children will be encouraged to discover how watercolour can help reveal the "story" of a painting.

Design and Technology

In the second half term, children will design and make free-standing structures. They will join sheet materials and reclaimed boxes together to make their own playground equipment.

Music

We will listen and sing along to songs. Children will find and keep the pulse or beat by marching, clapping or swaying in time to music. They will play glockenspiels alongside songs.

PE

P.E. sessions are scheduled to take place on a Tuesday and a Thursday each week. This term, children will undertake units on underarm throwing and dance.

Computing

Children will complete units on 'Programming' and 'Digital Writing'. They will be introduced to early programming concepts and identify what each floor robot command does and use that to predict the outcome of programs. In the second half term, children will use a computer to create and change text.

Languages

In the infants, children learn Spanish. This term, we will learn how to say the numbers to 10, names of fruits and how to say The Hungry Caterpillar Animals.

PSHE

We will cover age-related topics over the year. This term we will be concentrating on 'Keeping Safe' and 'Rights and Respect'.

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
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