

Message from Mr Wilkinson

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed the holiday season with your family.

I am so pleased to share that the children have returned to class with enthusiasm and have settled back in wonderfully. They have made such impressive progress, and I'm incredibly proud of all their hard work last term. I'm looking forward to the continued growth and development this term.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support at home. Your involvement is invaluable, and continuing this will make such a positive difference to your child's learning journey.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes.

Mr Wilkinson



Key days of the week Mondays

Tuesdays

Wednesdays
Homework in
Swimming
Spelling test
Thursdays
PE day
Homework out
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.

Coming up for Year 2...

- Weekly swimming
- School trip 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
 - STEM week 10.03.25

Spring Term Learning

Further curriculum information is available <u>here</u>

We are continuing from where we left off last term, with engaging, fun-filled lessons designed to spark your child's imagination and foster their love of learning at GST.

English

In English, we will be carrying on where the children ended the autumn term. The children have been placed in groups based on their assessments and will be completing reading activities on books they are able to access.

Maths

The children will be continuing to work hard in maths to understand different concepts. Units we will be covering this term include; money, multiplication and division, length and height and mass, capacity and temperature.

Science

Our class have been keen scientists over the last term. We will continue with our unit on materials this half term, before we move onto plants and living things in their habitats.

In RE, we will be looking at how Jesus is a friend to everybody and then moving onto exploring the importance of the Easter story.

History

The children will be looking at different explorers from the past and finding out why their explorations were significant.

Geography

In geography, we will be completing a regional study on New Koforidua, Garstang's twinned Fairtrade town.

Art and Design

The children will be once again completing a drawing journey leading us into a sequence of lessons on expressive painting with a focus on Van Gogh.

Design and Technology

The children will be evaluating, designing and creating their own vehicle for an explorer to use on either the moon or in the desert.

Music

In music, we will be inventing a musical story followed by recognising different sounds from a variety of genres.

We will continue to swim during this term. Our other PE day has changed to a Thursday. The children will be completing a dance unit as well as competing in a range of different sports.

Computing

In computing we have started to program BeeBots and after half-term we will move onto creating digital pictograms.

Languages

The children will be learning how to count from 10 to 20 in Spanish. We will also cover days of the week, colours and some animals.

This half term we will be focusing on how the children keep themselves safe. After half term, the children move onto learning about their rights and responsibilities.

Contact us

Questions about learning

Please contact me on the GST school app.

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@aarstana-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk.

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