

# Message from Miss Maguire

Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year! I hope you have all had a well-deserved break. You should be extremely proud of how your children have transitioned into KS2, each and every child has made a wonderful start! The children have settled back into school life incredibly well retaining knowledge and motivation towards learning. Their attitude to learning is allowing great progress!

Reading and times tables is forever at the heart of foundation subjects, therefore we really appreciate you encouraging your child to read at home and make use of the resources that are accessible to them. Each child has their usernames and passwords for these resources stuck inside the front of their homework books. We are always thankful of your support.

This term we have lots of exciting lessons planned and a fantastic trip to Manchester joint with Year 6. There are many extra-curricular activities alongside our curriculum that the children can get involved in

and thrive. Please see the reverse side for a

curriculum overview. ©
Best wishes, Miss Maguire





Key days of the week
Mondays

Tuesdays
PE
Wednesdays

Thursdays
Homework handed in
Fridays
PE
Homework sent out

Spelling test
Reminders

- Please ensure your child's homework pack is in their bag each day.
- Please ensure PE kits are in school each day.
- Time Table Rock Stars and spelling shed are great resources to interact with at home.

Coming up for Year 3...

- Confident Minds' day (Growth Mindset) 20.01.25
- Garstang's Got Talent 13.02.25
- Whole class trip to Bridgewater Hall and Manchester Museum 5.03.25
- 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 have many exciting and engaging lessons planned this term. Year 3 have a wonderful trip planned to support learning across multiple subjects.

## English

In English this term we are reading 'The Iron Man' this is a fantastic unit; we will be creating novels and diary entries. Following this unit, we swiftly move into information text under the theme of the Romans.

## Maths

There is a wide variety of concepts taught throughout the spring term in maths, starting with multiplication and division, moving onto length and perimeter. After half term fractions is the next topic finishing the term with mass and capacity. Times tables will be practised daily.

## Science

In science this term we are focusing on fossils, soils, and light. Throughout these topics Year 3 will be carrying out several experiments and learning the importance of soil and light for life.

#### RE

This term we are considering how Jesus changed lives. Moving closer to Easter, our RE topic will focus on the Easter story discussing whether the cross is a symbol of joy or sadness.

## History

We have two interesting topics to tackle in history, 'The Stone Age to Iron Age' period and the changes within this time frame, moving into 'The Roman Empire' and its impact on Britain.

## Geography

This term we take a break from geography preparing for two topics in the summer term. Year 3 will continue to discuss local nature and the world around us.

## Art and Design

In art and design we are investigating shape and colour, Matisse is a great focus and Year 3 will creating their own independent collage expressing their creativity.

# Design and Technology

Year 3 will have great fun creating moving pictures in our mechanism's topic this term in DT.

### Music

Music will consist of composing using your imagination, children will move into musical styles ready to get creative with their musical interests.

#### FE

Our indoor PE this term is dance, using freeze frames within our routines. Our outdoor PE will consist of invasion games and striking and fielding.

### Computing

In this term children will work on data information and how we gather information online moving into our second programming topic building on our skills learnt in autumn.

#### Languages

Monsieur Hope will continue with Monday French sessions, he will be covering fruit, birthdays, families and French culture.

#### **PSHF**

Keeping myself safe is the name of our first PSHE topic moving onto rights and responsibilities.

#### 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