

# YEAR 4 @ GST

## SPRING TERM NEWS



### Message from Miss Maher

Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year!

I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas break. It has been lovely to see all of the children's smiling faces, everyone has come back to school with a fantastic attitude and ready to learn!

With World Book Day, National Science Week, LAMDA results and much more lined up, it is going to be an extremely exciting term.

The children have done a fantastic job of reading so far this year so please can we keep pushing reading at home alongside daily practice of their multiplication facts!

Best wishes,

Miss Maher



### Key days of the week

**Mondays**

**Tuesdays**

**Wednesdays**

**PE**

**Thursdays**

**Homework**

**Fridays**

**PE**

**Spelling book and  
spelling test**

### Reminders

- Please ensure your child's homework pack is in their bag each day.
- Please ensure your child's reading book is in their bag each day.

### Coming up for Year 4...

- 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
- School Trip to Manchester Airport 10.03.25
- Fieldwork at the River Wyre TBC



## Spring Term Learning

Further curriculum information is available [here](#)

We have lots of exciting topics planned for the spring term in Year 4, the children will explore each topic in a practical and engaging way to ensure they are successful in their learning and make the best possible progress whilst simultaneously enjoying the learning process.

## English

For the first half term, we will be focusing on texts that explore issues and dilemmas. The children will learn skills to support them in writing their own story with an issue and dilemma. Later on in the term, we will be exploring the book 'The Last Bear'. We will continue to focus on adding detail to our writing using fronted adverbials, inverted commas to indicate speech and apostrophes to show possession.

## Maths

This term, we will be covering topics on multiplication and division, length and perimeter, fractions, and decimals whilst continuing to focus on the multiplication facts to 12x12.

## Science

This term, we will be exploring sound including the function of the human ear, followed by a topic on electricity where we will work practically building different circuits.

## RE

In R.E. we will be following the topic 'Jesus the Son of God'. Children will deepen their understanding of Jesus, who he was, his teaching and behaviour. We will also explore and prepare for Easter.

## History

The children will reinforce their knowledge of British chronology this term, alongside revising our previous topics of the Lancashire Cotton Industry and the Great Plague.

## Geography

This term we will be completing a regional study of Andalusia. The children will experience a trip to Manchester Airport to support their learning about travel. Later on in the term, the children will learn about rivers, participating in a local fieldwork study to the River Wyre.

## Art and Design

The children will explore the work of Paul Cezanne to create their own still life image using observational drawing techniques and a variety of mediums.

## Design and Technology

The children will create a lamp containing an electrical circuit, tying in their learning from science and building on their knowledge of creating structures.

## Music

Our music topic for this half term is 'composing with your friends'. Through music, children will explore the social question of 'How does music improve our world?'

## PE

This term children will undertake a PE unit on gymnastics; they will also be learning about creative tag and target games during their lessons outside.

## Computing

The children will develop their understanding of how digital images and audio can be edited and evaluating the effectiveness of their choices.

## Languages

In French, the children are learning about animals, shops and learning how to order their favourite ice cream.

## 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](mailto:office@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk).

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urgently with school, please  
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