

YEAR 5 @ GST

SPRING TERM NEWS



Message from Mrs Bosson and Mrs Taylor

Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a happy festive break. Welcome back...to the second term of Year 5!

Last term, the class worked together in different teams and partnerships to achieve great things, including solving the Lego RAF bridge-building challenge, cracking the codes in Lock Learners, becoming Mini Police Cadets and performing magnificently in their first trumpet concert.

This term we are looking forward to STEM week, when we will try to think like engineers to solve problems that we, or others, encounter in life.

Later in the term, we'll be preparing for Tower Wood! (The information evening is planned for Thursday 20th March and the trip is on the 23rd-25th April.) Please continue to encourage your child to be independent in organising their belongings for school as this will help them on the residential visit and as they move towards the end of key stage two.

Best wishes, Mrs Bosson & Mrs Taylor



Key days of the week

Mondays

PE

Tuesdays

PE

Wednesdays

Trumpet

Thursdays

**Homework in
Spelling Test**

Fridays

Homework out

Reminders

Please encourage your child to be independent but check they have:

- ✓ Their reading book and water bottle in their bag each day.
- ✓ Their trumpet on Wednesdays
- ✓ Homework folders on Thursday with the pink spelling book and orange homework book in so that it can be prepared ready to go out again on Friday
- ✓ PE kit for Monday and Tuesday

Coming up for Year 5...

- 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
- TOWER WOOD after Easter...



Spring Term Learning

Further curriculum information is available [here](#)

English

Our class novels will be *Outlaw* by Michael Morpurgo and then *Clockwork* by Philip Pullman. We will read legends of the UK to inspire our writing. We will also learn how to use the powers of persuasion in our non-fiction writing, before moving on to learn about playscripts.

Maths

As mathematicians this term, we will work on written methods for multiplication and division, multiplication problems involving fractions, understanding decimals and percentages, calculating perimeter and area and finally interpreting line graphs, tables and timetables.

Science

As scientists, we will explore materials and their properties. We will go on to study the life cycles of animals including humans. This work will cover puberty and changes during adolescence.

RE

Our first theological enquiry will be into the stories of significant women of the Bible and how their lives and values impacted on God's salvation plan and on the lives of Christians. We'll then go on to investigate why Christians view Easter as a victory celebration.

History

As Historians we will be finding out who invaded and settled in "Britannia" after the Romans left, how society was structured and ruled, and which leaders were significant.

Geography

As geographers we'll be investigating the world's climates and biomes.

Art and Design

As artists we will follow a colour and surface pathway, taking inspiration from artists Van Gogh and Phil Dean, to guide our use of mixed media to portray land and cityscapes.

Design and Technology

This term's DT will be an exciting mechanisms project to create a battery powered geared vehicle. Please help your child collect some items to help them build their chassis design.

Music

Mr. Boardman will continue teaching us to play the trumpet and we will expand our repertoire as we learn a greater range of notes and their notation.

PE

On Mondays, we'll explore traditional dances and use some of the steps and ideas to create our own celebratory dance. On Tuesdays, we'll learn Boccia and then invasion games.

Computing

We'll be exploring how flat-file databases can be used to store and retrieve information. We'll move on to programming the Crumble microcontrollers to link with our DT project.

Languages

In French lessons with Monsieur Hope we'll expand our vocabulary to talk about the body, then leisure and school activities.

PSHE

In PSHE sessions we will be thinking about choices we can make to keep ourselves safe, and consider our rights and responsibilities.

Contact us

Questions about learning

Please contact us 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.

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