

YEAR 6 @ GST

SPRING TERM NEWS



Message from Mrs Stewart

Dear Parent/Carer,
Happy New Year! Thank you very much for the warm wishes and lovely gifts that the Y6 staff team were given at Christmas time; we appreciated them all.
Year 6 have made a great start to their final year at GST and we have another busy term planned for spring. Thank you very much for all your support with homework which helps to consolidate learning and sets good habits for KS3. Homework and spellings will continue to be set in the usual routine but, later in the term, maths homework (in the green book) will be replaced by questions set in a CGP SATs booklet, the purpose of which is to familiarize the children with SATs style questions. It's also fabulous to see so many Year 6 pupils reading avidly and choosing to enjoy a wide range of genre and authors - in particular enjoying other books written by the authors of our class novels. Thank you for your support and encouragement with this.

Best wishes,

Mrs Stewart



Key days of the week

Mondays

Spellings set

Tuesdays

PE

Wednesdays

Thursdays

PE (outdoor)

Homework handed in

Fridays

Spelling test

Homework set

Reminders

- The classroom door opens at 8:40am – please be prompt, it's a time when we practise maths fluency skills 😊
- Please bring a black hoodie for outdoor PE.

Coming up for Year 6...

- Confident Minds' day (Growth Mindset) 20.01.25
- Secondary school offer day 3.3.25:
- Educational visit to the Bridgewater Hall and University of Manchester Museum 5.3.25
- World Book Day (dress as a favourite book character) 6.03.25
- During STEM week- 12.3.25: RIAT Glider challenge day
- A visit to St Thomas' church to learn about the Eucharist



Spring Term Learning

Further curriculum information is available [here](#)

English

In English, we will be reading and responding to our texts: 1000 Year Old Boy by Ross Welford and later, the American classic, Holes by Louis Sachar. We will continue to develop our reading strategies for comprehension and experiment with a variety of writing structures linked to the novels, including writing in role, developing our own story settings and plots together with writing persuasive advertisements and non-chronological reports.

Maths

In maths, we will start by learning how to convert units of measurement before learning about fractions, decimals and percentages and their equivalence. Later, we will focus on ratio, algebra, perimeter, area and volume and statistics, in addition to securing fluency and arithmetic skills.

<https://corbettmathsprimary.com/5-a-day/> is a useful website to support pupils who wish to practise more arithmetic at home.

Science

To begin, our science focus is light. We will be learning about how light travels, how we see and how shadows are formed before learning about light pollution. Later in the term, we will learn about the circulatory system, the importance of diet and exercise as well as scientists who are famous for their contributions to health.

RE

In RE, we will be finding out about why Christians celebrate the Eucharist, learning about the Exodus and later, of course, Easter.

Geography

In geography, we'll be using maps and globes to locate world countries and learn about the significance of latitude and longitude and their links with climate and time zones. We will focus in on the Americas, learning about physical and human geography before planning a trip: 'Race across the Americas.'

Art and Design

We will learn about artists who explore their identity within their art before creating our own layered self-portraits

Design and Technology

To link with science, we will be planning a healthy, hot balanced meal.

Music

Mrs Gaughan will be teaching music on Monday afternoons. We'll be listening and responding to a variety of musical genre, as well as using the ukulele and glockenspiels to compose and perform pieces.

PE

On Tuesdays, our PE focus is gymnastics. On Thursdays, we will be outdoors practising invasion games skills with Andy, a coach from Fleetwood Town.

Computing

In computing, we'll be learning how to programme and how to organise and use data by creating spreadsheets.

Languages

Monsieur Hope will be teaching French. We'll be learning how to describe a typical day, our likes and dislikes as well as describing the weather and changing seasons.

PSHE

In PSHE, we will be learning how to keep ourselves safe, including e-safety, and later, about 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.

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