

# Message from Mrs Stewart

Dear Parent/Carer.

Welcome back for the summer term! We have all returned after the Easter break refreshed, raring to go and ready for the children's final term at Garstang St Thomas.

The focus in Year 6 this term is to equip the children with the academic, personal and social skills to make a successful transition to secondary school. As such, we have an exciting and very busy term ahead - full of opportunities for the children to show off the great progress they have made, help them to make a confident start at high school and, of course, to have fun and enjoy spending time with all their friends before they go their separate ways.

Please be assured that we will do our very best to ensure a smooth transition to secondary school and give the children a fun-filled and memorable send-off from GST.

Best wishes.

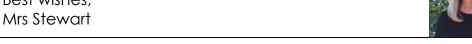
Key days of the week Mondays Spellings set Tuesdays PE (after May half-term) Wednesdays

Thursdays Homework handed in PE Fridays Homework set

PE (until half-term) **Reminders** 

**Homework** and spellings will not be set after SATs.

Well-done to all the Y6s who have worked hard consolidating learning at home 😊





Coming up for Year 6...

- √ SATs week: 12<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> May
- ✓ York Parents' Meeting: Tuesday 3rd June @ 6pm via zoom
- √ Food technology day @GCA: Date tbc
- ✓ York Residential visit: 2nd - 4th July
- ✓ Bikeability: 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> **July**
- √ Y6 Production: Tuesday 15th July @ 6:15pm
- ✓ Leavers' assembly: Friday 18th July @ 2 pm

# **Summer Term Learning**

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

Year Six will be continuing to work hard all term – even after SATS! Our learning will involve lots of collaborative projects and team work including our residential visit to York and practising and performing a fabulous end of year musical production ©

## **Enalish**

We will be using our class novels – Holes, Wonder and Can You See Me - as stimuli to secure and showcase fabulous Y6 writing in time for KS2 writing assessment towards the end of June.

#### Maths

All areas of maths will be revisited and consolidated. We will continue to keep maths skills sharp by working on arithmetic and reasoning skills so that the children make a confident start to KS3 maths.

### Science

We will learn about animal evolution, inheritance and adaptation. We'll be thinking about how different animals survive in their environments, how species have changed and adapted over time, leading to evolution and drawing on ideas from significant scientists such as Charles Darwin.

#### RE

In RE, the children will learn about Pentecost as well as exploring ideas about God and learning about people of faith including the impact that their faith has in their lives.

## **History**

We will be learning about local black history through the Transatlantic slave trade and its links with the North West, in particular the Lancashire cotton industry.

# Art and Design

Taking inspiration from traditional and contemporary artists and craftspeople, we will move on to design and make our own shadow puppets.

# Design and Technology

We will be revisiting the Eatwell plate to learn more about a balanced diet in order to design, prepare and cook a healthy hot meal.

### Music

Mrs Gaughan will be teaching music on Monday afternoons using the ukulele and glockenspiels to compose and perform pieces in a variety of musical genre.

### PE

Garstang Cricket Club will be teaching us cricket skills until half-term on Fridays and on Thursdays the PE focus will be orienteering followed by more striking and fielding skills and athletics later in the term.

#### Computing

We will begin by learning about how the World Wide Web works leading to designing and creating web pages.

## Languages

Monsieur Hope will continue to teach French on Mondays. The focus this half term will be on school. The children will be writing a letter to their secondary MFL teachers.

#### **PSHF**

We start with 'being our best' followed by learning about growing and changing. This includes aspects of our sex & relationships curriculum. Further information is available on our website.

#### 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