

# Reception @ GST

## AUTUMN TERM NEWS



### Message from Mrs Taylor

Dear Parent/Carer,

What a fantastic day meeting all our new friends for the first time! The children are already starting to settle into their new classroom and routines. It has been lovely to get to know each child already and I am looking forward to watching them grow and develop throughout the year!

Reception is an amazing learning journey where imagination, discovery, and friendship await. The children will have fun activities, fascinating stories, and lots of new adventures together. I hope this year will be full of learning, smiles, laughter, and wonderful memories! 😊

As we go through the term, if you have any question at all, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes,

Mrs Taylor



### Key days of the week

**Mondays**

**PE**

**Tuesdays**

**Wednesdays**

**Homework due in  
Library book change**

**Thursdays**

**Homework sent out**

**Fridays**

### Reminders

- Please continue supporting reading at home.
- Please bring in a pair of wellies to remain in school.

### Coming up for Reception...

- Meet the teacher – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Sep 5:30pm
- Life Education coming into school – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Sep
- Individual photos – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Oct
- Gruffalo Playhouse trip – Date tbc



## Autumn Term Learning

Further curriculum information is available [here](#)

Our first topic of the year is centred around the intriguing question 'Who am I?'. Through various activities and discussions, we will encourage self-reflection, promote healthy habits, learn about different types of homes, and celebrate the diversity of families. Next half term, we will look at, 'How do we celebrate?' In this term, our Reception class will be exploring the importance of various celebrations to different cultures and individuals.

Some key texts for this term:

- Starting School
- Elmer
- Perfectly Norman
- Dogger
- Peepo
- The Three Little Pigs
- Scarecrows Wedding
- Stickman

## Communication and language

We will be providing the children with lots of opportunities to develop their communication and language skills including a focus on the use following instructions, turn taking and singing.

## Personal, social and emotional development

We will be looking at how we can become more independent. Children will also develop an understanding of how to stay healthy and build strong friendships.

## Physical development

In PE, we will be learning different skills through books. The first two books are 'Elmer' and 'How to Catch a Star'. Children will learn how to travel in different ways, use their body to make shapes and start to learn to throw and catch.

## Literacy

We will be continuing our literacy work with Read Write Inc sessions as well as other reading and writing opportunities in continuous provision. There will be a focus on fine motor skills to help enable children to write using the correct form.

## Mathematics

In mathematics, we will be looking at numbers to 5. We will be comparing groups and start to look at the number bonds to 5. We will also learn some shapes.

## Understanding the world

We will be learning about how there are similarities and differences in each family. Children will also link this with their environment and what is in their local area. We will then look at celebrations and what different religions and cultures celebrate around the world.

## Expressive arts and design

We will be using fruits and vegetables to create faces, and we will use different tools and materials to make collage sheets.

## Religious Education

In RE, our units for the autumn term are harvest, I am special and Christmas.

## 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).

**If you need to get in touch  
urgently with school, please  
call the school office on  
01995 603454**