

# YEAR 1 @ GST

## AUTUMN TERM NEWS



### Message from Miss Mercer

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have had a lovely summer break. The Year 1 children have come back to school ready and raring to go! It was so nice to see their smiling faces as they entered the classroom on their first day back at school.

In Year 1, we will work on establishing good routines for learning and the day will be more structured. Children will be asked to concentrate for longer periods of time and work more independently. However, they will also learn in a variety of ways; while moving, exploring outdoors, in groups, practically, on the carpet or even walking around school! It's going to be a great year.

I hope you find the following information helpful 😊 As we go through the term, if you have any question at all, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes,

Miss Mercer



### Key days of the week

**Mondays**

**Tuesdays**

**Wednesdays**

**Homework folder to be handed in**  
**Children will take home a library book**

**PE**

**Thursdays**

**Homework folder will be sent home**

**PE**

**Fridays**

### Reminders

- Please support your child to complete their homework and spellings.
- After you have read with your child, please sign their reading record.
- Please ensure your child brings in a labelled water bottle.

### Coming up for Year 1...

- **Meet the Teacher – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Sep 5pm**
- **Leading a harvest assembly – Date TBC**
- **Trip to Blackburn Museum – Date TBC**



## Autumn Term Learning

Further curriculum information is available [here](#)

Below is an overview of the curriculum that will be covered in our first term.

### English

We will continue to follow the Read Write Inc scheme to teach English. Children will recap the Set 1 and Set 2 sounds before learning the Set 3 sounds. We will enjoy a range of stories which we will base our writing on. Children will continue to work on their letter formation.

### Maths

This autumn term, children will complete units on place value (within 10), addition and subtraction and shape. We will continue to support the children with their number formation.

### Science

We will learn about the parts of the human body and explore the five senses. In the second half term, we will learn to identify and name everyday materials and explore their properties.

### RE

Our RE units this term are 'Harvest' and 'Creation'. Children will learn the creation story as well as how to care for God's world.

### History

Our unit is called 'Family History'. Children will write about their favourite toy before moving on to look at toys which were popular when their parents and grandparents were children. We will also explore how birthdays were celebrated and how they are celebrated now.

### Geography

In geography, we will learn about the world. Children will be taught to identify and locate the seven continents and five oceans of the world using maps, globes and atlases.

### Art and Design

Children will develop their drawing by completing exercises in their sketchbooks. We will experiment with different media to draw spirals, snail drawings and even take our drawing outside!

### Design and Technology

In the second half term, children will design and make a moving picture of a hot or cold place. The front cover will be a 2D mechanism and will have levers and sliders.

### Music

We will listen and sing along to songs. Children will find and keep the pulse or beat by marching, clapping or swaying in time to music. They will play glockenspiels alongside this.

### PE

P.E. sessions are scheduled to take place on a Wednesday and a Thursday. This term, children will undertake units on gymnastics and developing the fundamental movement skills.

### Computing

Children will become familiar with the different components of a computer by developing their keyboard and mouse skills. They will also create their own digital paintings.

### Languages

Children learn Spanish in the infants and this lesson will take place on a Friday. Children will learn how to say Spanish greetings, numbers to 6 and colours.

### PSHE

We will cover age-related topics over the year. This term we will be concentrating on 'Me and My Relationships' and 'Valuing Difference'.

## 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  
call the school office on  
01995 603454**