

YEAR 2 @ GST

AUTUMN TERM NEWS



Message from Mr Wilkinson

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your children have had a wonderful and restful holiday. As the new school year begins, I am delighted to welcome you back and share an overview of what lies ahead for your children. This year promises to be an exciting and enriching experience for our children. We have a range of engaging and educational activities planned that will help your child develop their skills and knowledge across all subjects, along with our brand new 'Operation Play' to enhance your child's experience at school during break times.

Your support at home is invaluable. Encouraging reading, completing homework, and discussing what they have learned at school are great ways to reinforce their learning.

I am looking forward to getting to know you and your child better as the year progresses. Together, we will make this a memorable and successful school year. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Best wishes, Mr Wilkinson



Key days of the week

Mondays

Tuesdays

Wednesdays

Homework in

Spelling test

Swimming

Thursdays

PE

Homework out

Fridays

Reminders

- Please ensure your child's homework pack is in their bag each day.
- After you have read with your child, please sign their reading record.

Coming up for Year 2...

- Meet the Teacher – Monday 15th September – 5pm
- Weekly swimming on Wednesdays
- School trip TBC



Autumn Term Learning

Further curriculum information is available [here](#)

We have an action-packed autumn term filled with lots of learning and fun activities. Please see below for an insight into each subject for this term.

English

In English, we will be carrying on where the children left off in Year 1 with our Read, Write inc scheme. The children have been placed in groups based on their assessments and will be completing reading activities on books they are able to access.

Maths

We continue to build on the children's mathematical skills from Year 1. Units we will cover include: place value, addition and subtraction and shape.

Science

We continue to give the children a well-rounded science curriculum in Year 2 as we study animals and their needs, humans, materials and a sustainability unit on plastic.

RE

During RE, the children will complete units based on the Bible and explore the Christmas story.

History

We deliver two units this term as we start by looking at a black history unit on Learie Constantine. After, we look at local history and how our high street has changed.

Geography

Our geography links in with our local history this term as we complete a unit where the children will 'Investigate our street'.

Art and Design

In art, the children will be starting with a drawing unit, where we learn different techniques that help them when they draw. We then move onto a unit called 'explore and draw'.

Design and Technology

In DT this term, the children will be sewing as we make our own puppets.

Music

During the first half term, we explore the pulse, rhythm and pitch in different musical pieces. After, we build on our performing and singing as we get ready for our nativity.

PE

We are very lucky to be able to give the children the opportunity to go swimming in Year 2 every Wednesday. Our other PE units are striking and fielding and gymnastics.

Computing

During our computing lessons the children will be exploring how to make digital music and investigating the benefits of the internet and different network systems.

Languages

In Year 2, the children will continue with an introduction to languages. We will focus on greetings and good manners, numbers 1-20, countries that speak Spanish and Christmas in Spain and South America.

PSHE

This half term we will be focusing on the children and the relationships they have and build. After half term we move onto looking at valuing differences.

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
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