

YEAR 3 @ GST

AUTUMN TERM NEWS



Message from Miss Whitehead

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 3! It has been a pleasure getting to know the children and helping them settle into Key Stage 2. They have made a fantastic start, and I'm proud of how they are adjusting to the new routines and expectations. My aim this year is to provide a broad, engaging and balanced curriculum while always prioritising the happiness and wellbeing of every child in the class.

As well as building key skills in reading, writing and maths, I will also be encouraging the children to grow in confidence when speaking and sharing their ideas – helping them to develop their communication skills and find their voice in the classroom.

We have a wide range of exciting learning opportunities planned for the autumn term, and I'm looking forward to seeing the children's curiosity and independence continue to grow.

Your support at home makes a big difference. Encouraging regular reading, supporting with homework, and helping your child practise their weekly spellings will really help their progress. Thank you in advance for all you do. I am looking forward to meeting you all over the coming weeks. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Warm regards,
Miss Whitehead

Key days of the week

Mondays

PE

Tuesdays

PE

Wednesdays

**Homework handed in
Spelling test**

Thursdays

**Homework and spellings
sent out**

Fridays

Reminders

- Please ensure your child's homework pack is in their bag everyday.
- Please ensure PE kits are in school each day.
- Times table rockstars and spelling shed are fantastic resources to interact with at home.
- Accelerated reader reminder, continue to complete the quiz when the whole book is

Coming up for Year 3...

- Meet the Teacher – Monday 8th Sept 5pm
- Local visit to Garstang high street
- History trip to Judges' Lodgings
- Tough Mudder date to be confirmed



Autumn Term Learning

Further curriculum information is available [here](#)

Throughout this term we will be focusing on the transition from year 2 to year 3. We have exciting and engaging lessons planned under the theme of 'Home comforts' moving through to 'My body is a temple'.

English

In English we are reading 'A Bear Called Paddington' focusing on creative story writing moving into informative writing. 'The Green Children' is the next unit progression involving Folk Tales, Instructions and letters.

Maths

In the autumn term in mathematics, we are covering the topics of place value, addition and subtraction, and multiplication and division. We will ensure that the 2s, 5s and 10 times tables from year 2 are secure and start the learning of the 3 and 4 timetables.

Science

In this term we will be focusing learning on skeletons, movement, diet, and nutrition. Children will be learning about bones, joints and nutrition. The next topic investigates types of rocks.

RE

We will be learning about the harvest and why it is celebrated. Towards the end of the autumn, we will move onto the topic of Christmas and the importance and impact of Jesus.

History

Local history, school life and transport will be the topic of this half term, we will question how Garstang is different now compared to when school was built in 1871 and we will further investigate the history of the Lancaster canal and transportation in the past.

Geography

This term we are looking at our local geography of Garstang, with a special focus on land use maps and physical/human features in towns.

Art and Design

We will be creating with charcoal using different drawing exercises following a drawing pathway, we will have a big push on individual creativity.

Design and Technology

In the 2nd half of the term, we will be making sandwiches.

Music

We will start with 'writing down music' this will consist of using instruments to understand notes visually, moving onto 'playing in a band' to finish autumn term 2.

PE

Indoor PE will consist of gymnastics and our outdoor PE will focus on invasion games starting with netball and after 6 weeks of netball progressing to touch ball.

Computing

In this term children will work on their programming skills using Scratch. In the second half of the term we will be creating media.

Languages

In French, we are learning greetings and numbers/alphabet.

PSHE

We are starting with a topic called 'me and my relationships' this involves discussion and activities based on rules and respect towards others. Our next topic will be 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
call the school office on
01995 603454**