

YEAR 4 @ GST

AUTUMN TERM NEWS



Message from Mrs Stewart

Dear Parent/Carer,

A very warm welcome to Year 4! All the children have made a great start to the new school year - it has been lovely to welcome them into class every morning smiling, ready and prepared for learning. I am very impressed! I am looking forward to quickly getting to know the children and families and doing my very best for everyone.

In Y4, we have very strong routines which are outlined opposite. Please support your child to be independent in terms of having the correct books, PE kit, homework etc in school on the right day. Please also encourage and support your child to read at home and learn their times tables. Thank you. The children are clear about the expectations that come with moving further up the school and they have already shown me that they are all more than ready for the challenges, learning and fun that Year 4 will bring! Please do come along to the meet the teacher evening next week to find out more about the year ahead.

All the Year 4 teaching team are looking forward to a positive and happy year. Please do contact me if you have any questions and I will be happy to help.

Best wishes,
Mrs Stewart

Key days of the week

Mondays

Tuesdays

PE

Wednesdays

PE

Homework handed in

Spelling test

Thursdays

Homework and spellings

set

Fridays

LAMDA lesson

**LAMDA homework
(towards the end of the
term)**

Reminders

- Please ensure your child's reading book is in school each day.

Coming up for Year 4...

- Meet the teacher on 8.9.25
- School councillor and ambassador elections on 9.9.25
- LAMDA. The children will sit their assessment later in the term
- A visit to a cotton mill to support their learning in history on 25.9.25



Autumn Term Learning

Further curriculum information is available [here](#)

We have lots of exciting topics planned for the autumn term in Year 4, The children will explore each topic in a practical and engaging way to ensure they enjoy the lessons and are successful in their learning, making the best possible progress.

English

English will begin with a unit all about the Loch Ness Monster. We'll be reading The Treasure of the Loch Ness Monster after which the children will create a newspaper article and their own narrative based on the elusive creature. We'll also be reading The water Horse by Dick King Smith as a class novel.

Maths

We will cover maths topics on place value, addition and subtraction, area and multiplication and division. The children will work with numbers up to 10,000 and continue to build their fluency with their multiplication facts.

Science

The children will learn about the different animal groups and how we classify both plants and animals followed by a unit learning about different states of matter later in the term.

RE

To begin, we will be exploring the key values at the heart of different world faiths. After half term, we will explore the symbolism of light during our Christmas unit.

History

In history, the children will learn about how Preston changed during the Industrial Revolution, with a focus on the Lancashire cotton Industry.

Geography

After half term, our geography work will focus on water. We will learn about the water cycle and water as a natural resource.

Art and Design

In art, the children will explore how we can create sequenced images through drawing to create and share stories.

Design and Technology

Later in the term, the children will build on their sewing skills in DT to create passport holders with a running stitch, over stitch and blanket stitch.

Music

Our theme for music will be 'musical structures', during which the children will explore the question: how does music bring us together? After half term, we will explore our feelings when we play a musical instrument.

PE

During the first half term, PE lessons will focus on health-related fitness and dance. After half term, we will be working on gymnastics and rugby skills.

Computing

The children will be focusing on programming and will learn to create their own codes to create shapes and patterns. In the second half term, we will consider how and why data is collected over time.

Languages

The children will have their French lessons with Monsieur Hope on a Monday afternoon where they will learn vocabulary about where they live and the days of the week.

PSHE

This term we will be concentrating on 'Me and My Relationships' followed by 'Valuing Differences' after half term,

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.

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urgently with school, please
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