

# YEAR 5 @ GST

## AUTUMN TERM NEWS



### Message from Miss Maguire

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the 2025/26 academic year! I hope you all had a well-rested summer. This transition to upper KS2 is a memorable change within your child's education. We will be expecting children to develop their independence and problem-solving skills, alongside accepting additional responsibilities.

The year 5 curriculum is fast paced and stimulating, so each day it is important that we enter with a positive mindset ready to learn! Inside and outside the year 5 classroom, a high standard of respect and kindness is required. In addition to this, I would also like to see a strong will to do well. We always want to recognise our achievements, celebrate them, and push to better ourselves.

In upper KS2, as the volume and intensity of homework increases, please encourage your child to put effort into their homework and have it ready by the due date. We are going to have a positive year filled with lots of growth, both personally and academically. 😊

Best Wishes,  
Miss Maguire



### Key days of the week

**Mondays**

**Tuesdays**

**Trumpet**

**Wednesdays**

**PE**

**Homework due in**

**Spelling test day**

**Thursdays**

**Homework out**

**Fridays**

**PE**

### Reminders

**Please encourage your child to be independent but check they have:**

- ✓ Their reading book and water bottle in their bag each day.
- ✓ Their trumpet on Tuesdays- we have no spares this year.
- ✓ Homework in on time.
- ✓ PE kit on Wednesdays and Fridays.

**Coming up for Year 5...**

- ✓ Meet the Teacher – Tue 9<sup>th</sup> Sep 5pm
- ✓ Educational Visit to Blackpool Grand Theatre (Joint with Year 6)
- ✓ Tower Wood residential visit
- ✓ Competitive sporting opportunities

## Autumn Term Learning

Further curriculum information is available [here](#)

Transitioning into year 5 we expect all children to work hard and contribute to their learning. We have many exciting lessons planned for this term, including an educational school trip and residential.

### English

Starting with The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe story, we will create our own narrative and write non-chronological reports about mythical beasts. We'll move on to explore the world of science fiction and use structured poetry to express our ideas about the universe and beyond.

### Maths

Within mathematics this term we will work on place value in 6-digit numbers, addition and subtraction of complex numbers, multiples, factors and prime numbers, followed by fractions.

### Science

As scientists, we will explore forces and their effects. We will go on to study our solar system and our place in space. We will then learn about the effects of global warming on our planet.

### RE

Our first learning focus in RE is 'How and why Christians read the bible?'. We will then move into our Christmas unit investigating how Christian celebrations reflect the meaning of Christmas.

### History

As Historians we will be exploring the legacy of the Early Islamic Civilisation- a Golden Age of ideas and invention.

### Geography

Throughout geography learning we will approach questions regarding world trade. This involves how we are connected to world trade and the impacts of this on the environment.

### Art and Design

As artists we will follow a drawing pathway, exploring typography and mapmaking.

### Design and Technology

This terms DT will be a food project to create a low-carbon footprint seasonal soup with some freshly baked bread of our own design.

### Music

Mr. Boardman will be teaching us to play the trumpet. At the end of the term, you will be invited to our first concert, when we will share our progress and practice our performance skills.

### PE

In dance we will be constructing our own powerful Hakka alongside developing our indoor athletic skills. Following on from this we will move into gymnastics and creative games.

### Computing

To help us understand how to search the internet safely, our first unit of work will be Computing Systems and Searching. We'll move on to create media in the form of vector drawings.

### Languages

Monsieur Hope will be teaching French on Mondays. We'll expand our vocabulary around the face, food, the supermarket, directions, clothes and sports.

### PSHE

This term we will discuss relationships and the importance of valuing differences. We will hold complex discussions and express opinions. We have many team building activities upcoming.

## Contact us

### Questions about learning

Please contact us 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**