

Reception @ GST

SUMMER TERM NEWS



Message from Mrs Taylor

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back for the summer term! We hope you had a good time over the Easter break.

As we enter our final term in Reception, we have lots of exciting activities lined up! It's going to be a busy term filled with outdoor learning. From exploring the wonders of nature to engaging in creative play, we can't wait to see the children enjoying learning in this summer term.

After the half-term break, we will be gradually starting work on transition to support all the children to make a great start in Year 1 and the beginning of Key Stage 1.

Thank you for all your support so far during this academic year. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes,

Mrs Taylor



Key days of the week

Mondays

PE

Tuesdays

Wednesdays

**Homework due in
Library book change**

Thursdays

Homework sent out

Fridays

Reminders

- Please continue supporting reading at home. Thank you
- Please remember water bottles in school – especially as the weather becomes warmer.

Coming up for Reception...

- Educational visit to Brockholes Nature Reserve 01.07.2026
- Camp day (outdoor activity day on the bottom school field)
- St George's Day with Nursery 23.04.2026
- Lots more whole school events including sports day



Summer Term Learning

Further curriculum information is online: www.garstangstthomas.com

Our final topic of the year provides learning opportunities on the topics of minibeasts and the seaside. Children explore travelling over land, on water, through the air and into space. They consider how they move through their local area and where they go on holidays.

Key text for this term:

Key text for next term:

- The very hungry Caterpillar
 - The very busy Spider
 - Mad about Minibeasts
 - Yucky Worms
 - The Ugly Bug
 - Matisse's Trail
- Clean up
 - Changing Tides
 - Missing Richmond
 - The Storm Whale
 - Lucy & Tim at the seaside
 - The Ocean Gardener

Communication and language

We will be providing the children with lots of opportunities to develop their communication and language skills including a focus on the use of questions, making predictions and using conjunctions when speaking.

Personal, social and emotional development

During our PSHE lessons we will be looking at how to maintain healthy relationships and growing and changing.

Physical development

In PE, we will be working on our fundamental skills with a focus on balancing, negotiating space, throwing and catching, running and jumping. We'll also be preparing for sports day.

Literacy

We will be continuing our literacy work with Read Write Inc sessions as well as other reading and writing in continuous provision.

Mathematics

In mathematics, we will begin the term counting to 20 and back. We will then be teaching about shape, time and measure.

Understanding the world

This half term we are going to be focusing on minibeasts. During this topic we will be exploring the natural world around us and making observations and drawing pictures. Next half term, we will be learning about the seaside. We will be comparing our local environment to our local seaside town.

Expressive arts and design

We will be working together to build and make our own class bug house. Next half term, we will be drawing and painting still life.

Religious Education

In RE, our units for the summer term are special places and special times.

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**