

# YEAR 1 @ GST

## SUMMER TERM NEWS



### Message from Miss Heys

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break and are ready for a fantastic Summer Term! It has been wonderful to welcome the children back and to reflect on what a fantastic spring term we shared. We can't wait for the exciting learning ahead!

This term, we are excited to delve into a range of engaging lessons that will encourage the children to explore and develop their understanding of the world around them. We will also focus on helping the children become more independent, preparing them for when they become top infants.

Please continue to read together at home. Establishing a regular reading routine really supports your child's literacy development and helps build their confidence.

Thank you for your continued support. I am really looking forward to a happy and successful summer term together 😊.

Best wishes,  
Miss Heys



### Key days of the week

**Mondays**

**Tuesdays**

**Wednesdays**

**PE**

**Homework in  
Spelling test (fortnightly)  
starting from 15<sup>th</sup> April**

**Thursdays**

**Homework out**

**PE**

**Fridays**

### Reminders

- After you have read with your child, please sign their reading record.
- Children will be visiting the library on a Wednesday morning so please ensure library books are returned to school.

### Coming up for Year 1...

- Class trip to Eureka - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June
- Phonics Screening Check - W/C 8<sup>th</sup> June
- Sports Day - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June
- Summer Tough Mudder - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July



## Summer Term Learning

Further curriculum information is online: [www.garstangstthomas.com](http://www.garstangstthomas.com)

We are looking forward to all the exciting learning ahead in the Summer Term in preparation for the children's transition into Year 2 😊.

### English

Children will continue to learn the remaining Set 3 sounds while consolidating the ones they have learned. We will enjoy a range of stories which we will base our writing on. Children will be taught to use conjunctions. Children will continue to work on their letter formation.

### Maths

This term, we will cover maths units on: multiplication and division, fractions, position and direction, place value (within 100), money and time.

### Science

Children will learn the basic parts of a plant. They will also learn to identify, name and describe a variety of garden and wildflowers as well as evergreen and deciduous trees.

### RE

Children will learn about the celebration of baptism and explore ways in which people of faith welcome babies. Children will also look at the story of Joseph and the characteristics of God.

### History

In history, children will explore the enquiry question, 'Should we call Grace O'Malley a pirate?' Children will consider the characteristics of pirates and learn about Grace O'Malley's life.

### Geography

In geography, we will learn about our local area and school using fieldwork. We will learn the 4 points of a compass and even plan part of the school, using symbols and simple keys.

### Art and Design

Children will draw birds and feathers. They will then manipulate their drawings to make 3D forms. Children will explore balance to finally create an individual structure of a bird.

### Design and Technology

In the second half term, children will design, make and evaluate a fruit snack for a class picnic. The children will be taught to peel, cut, slice, grate and squeeze fruit and vegetables.

### Music

We will listen and sing along to songs. Children will find and keep the pulse or beat by marching, clapping or swaying in time to music. They will play glockenspiels alongside songs.

### PE

P.E. sessions are scheduled to take place on a Wednesday and Thursdays. Children will undertake units on catching and bouncing and Tri-Throlf.

### Computing

Children will complete units on grouping data and programming animations. Children will be introduced to on-screen programming through ScratchJr.

### Languages

In the infants, children learn Spanish. This term we will learn how to say the names of animals, family members and sports.

### PSHE

We will cover age-related topics over the year. This term we will be concentrating on 'Being my Best' and 'Growing and Changing'.

## 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](mailto:office@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk).

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urgently with school, please  
call the school office on  
01995 603454**