

YEAR 4 @ GST

SUMMER TERM NEWS



Message from Mrs Stewart

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back for the summer term! I hope that you all had a restful Easter break. The children have settled back into school happily and are incredibly motivated to push their learning even further as they look towards the end of Year 4.

It has been fantastic to see the children's engagement with their home learning over the spring term. Thank you for all your support with this. We have had lots of children jump tremendously with their Accelerated Reader quizzes and word count and lots of green heatmaps on Times Table Rockstars. I am incredibly proud of the children for the way they have taken ownership of their learning; this will prepare them well for the next year.

This term, we will focus on preparing the children for their jump into Year 5. We have lots of exciting events happening this term - all of which have been carefully planned to ensure the children make the smoothest transition possible into the next academic year and upper Key Stage 2.



Best wishes, Mrs Stewart

Key days of the week

Mondays

Tuesdays

PE

Wednesdays

PE (after half term)

Homework handed in

Spelling test

Thursdays

PE (until half term)

Homework and spellings

handed out.

Fridays

Reminders

- Please ensure your child's reading book is in school each day.
- Please have PE kits in school all week.

Coming up for Year 4...

- School trip to Blackburn Cathedral and Jaame Mosque on 7.5.26
- Multiplication Tables Check w/c 8.6.26
- Sports Day 12.6.26
- Sleepover in school 26.6.26
- School visit to Abbeystead Estate: Countryside Day on 2.7.26



Summer Term Learning

Further curriculum information is online: www.garstangstthomas.com

This term, we have lots of exciting learning opportunities lined up. We also have a final push on the children fluently recalling their multiplication facts so it would be brilliant if they could continue to practise and be supported at home. <https://urbrainy.com/mtc> is a great way of practising the MTC in the format that the children will be using in June.

English

In English, we will continue to focus on reading for comprehension and writing for purpose and audience. At the core of our learning will be quality fiction, non-fiction and poetry including The Firework Maker's Daughter by Philip Pullman, Mousehole Cat by Antonia Barber and Varjak Paw by SF Said. We will also enjoy poetry by exploring Macavity: The Mystery Cat.

Maths

In Maths, we will be focussing on decimals before moving on to topics including: money, time, shape, position & direction and statistics. Developing fluency in arithmetic will continue in our 5-a-day work at the beginning of the school day.

Science

The children will be learning about habitats, including deforestation, and food chains during their science lessons. Later, we will learn about digestion including teeth.

RE

The importance of holy buildings to people of faith, followed by the meaning of prayer, is the focus for RE learning this term. The children will gain first-hand insights into this learning on a visit to Blackburn Cathedral and Jaame Mosque led by the Education Service at the Cathedral.

History

In history, we will be learning about the achievements and legacy of Ancient Civilisations: Ancient Sumer, Ancient Egypt, the Indus Valley and the Shang Dynasty.

Geography

We will be linking last term's topic on rivers to our history work on the Ancient Civilisations and their settlements built on major rivers.

Art and Design

Using Modroc, the children will create sculptures of food based on the works of Claes Oldenburg and Nicole Dyer.

Design and Technology

In food technology, we will be designing, creating and evaluating healthy pizzas.

Music

The children will be completing two music topics this term - the first focusing on improvisation and expression, followed by a topic called 'The show must go on!'

PE

Tennis, badminton and cricket lessons are all coming up during which the children will be developing their striking and fielding skills. In summer 2, we have athletics and orienteering.

Computing

We will be exploring computer systems and networks during computing, followed by learning how to programme repetition in games.

Languages

The children will be learning how to tell the time and talk about the weather in French.

PSHE

We have two PSHE topics this term: 'Being my Best!' followed by 'Growing and Changing'. In the 2nd unit, the children will be covering content which is part of the RSHE statutory guidance.

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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