

YEAR 6 @ GST

SUMMER TERM NEWS



Message from Miss Maher

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back for the summer term! It has been brilliant to see that the children are feeling refreshed after the Easter break and are raring to go, ready for their final term at Garstang St Thomas.

The focus in Year 6 this term is to equip the children with the academic, personal and social skills to make a successful transition to secondary school all whilst making sure they have the most fun that they have had at GST to date! We have an incredibly exciting and very busy term ahead - full of opportunities for the children to show off the great progress they have made, make some final memories with their peers and help them to make a confident start at high school.

My aim for this term is to help the children to feel excited about their transition to secondary school and for them to make some great, long-lasting memories in the process.

Best Wishes,
Miss Maher



Key days of the week

Mondays

Music – bring Ukeleles

Tuesdays

PE

Wednesdays

Homework due date

Spelling test

Thursdays

PE

Homework/spellings set

Fridays

Reminders

Homework and spellings will not be set after SATs. Well-done to all the children for working hard to consolidate their learning at home (and thank you parents/carers for all your support!!)

Coming up for Year 6...

- ✓ **SATs week: 11th – 14th May**
- ✓ **Food technology day @GCA: Date tbc**
- ✓ **York Residential visit: 18th-20th May**
- ✓ **Bikeability: 8th & 9th July**
- ✓ **Y6 Production: Tuesday 14th July @ 6:15pm**
- ✓ **Leavers' assembly: Friday 17th July @ 2 pm**



Summer Term Learning

Further curriculum information is online: www.garstangstthomas.com

Year Six will be continuing to work hard all term – even after SATS! Our learning will involve lots of collaborative projects and team work including our residential visit to York and practising and performing a fabulous end of year musical production ☺

English

We will be using a brilliant poem: The Lion and Albert as stimuli to secure and showcase fabulous Y6 writing in time for KS2 writing assessment towards the end of June.

Maths

All areas of maths will be revisited and consolidated. We will continue to keep maths skills sharp by working on arithmetic and reasoning skills so that the children make a confident start to KS3 maths.

Science

We will learn about animal evolution, inheritance and adaptation. We'll be thinking about how different animals survive in their environments, how species have changed and adapted over time, leading to evolution and drawing on ideas from significant scientists such as Charles Darwin.

RE

In RE, the children will learn about Pentecost as well as exploring ideas about God and learning about people of faith including the impact that their faith has in their lives.

History

We will be learning about local black history through the Transatlantic slave trade and its links with the North West, in particular the Lancashire cotton industry.

Art and Design

Taking inspiration from traditional and contemporary artists and craftspeople, we will move on to design and make our own shadow puppets.

Design and Technology

We will be revisiting the Eatwell plate to learn more about a balanced diet in order to design, prepare and cook a healthy hot meal.

Music

Mrs Gaughan will be teaching music on Monday afternoons using the ukulele and glockenspiels to compose and perform pieces in a variety of musical genres.

PE

Coaches from Garstang Cricket Club will be teaching us cricket skills until half-term on Thursdays and on Tuesdays the PE focus will be orienteering followed by more striking and fielding skills and athletics later in the term.

Computing

We will begin by learning about how the World Wide Web works leading to designing and creating web pages.

Languages

Monsieur Hope will continue to teach French on Mondays. The focus this half term will be on school. The children will be writing a letter to their secondary MFL teachers.

PSHE

We start with 'being our best' followed by learning about growing and changing. This includes aspects of our sex & relationships curriculum. Further information is available on our website.

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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