

Reception @ GST

AUTUMN TERM NEWS



Message from Mrs Taylor

Dear Parent/Carer,

What a fantastic day – being all together as one class for the first time! The children are already starting to settle into their new classroom and routines. It has been lovely to get to know each child already and I am looking forward to watching them grow and develop throughout the year!

Reception is an amazing learning journey where imagination, discovery, and friendship await. The children will have fun activities, fascinating stories, and lots of new adventures together. I hope this year will be full of learning, smiles, laughter, and wonderful memories! 😊

As we go through the term, if you have any questions at all, 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.
- Please bring in a pair of wellies to remain in school.
- If you would like your child to have milk, please register them.

Coming up for Reception...

- Meet the teacher – Wednesday 9th Sep
- Life Education coming into school – Thursday 24th Sep
- Individual photos – Monday 28th Sep



Autumn Term Learning

Further curriculum information is available [here](#)

Our first topic of the year is centred on the intriguing question 'Who am I?' Through various activities and discussions, we will encourage self-reflection, promote healthy habits, learn about different types of homes, and celebrate the diversity of families. Next half term we will look at, 'How do we celebrate?' In this term, our Reception class will be exploring the importance of various celebrations to different cultures and individuals.

Some key texts for this term:

- Starting School
- Elmer
- Perfectly Norman
- Dogger
- Peepo
- The Three Little Pigs
- The Scarecrows' Wedding
- Stickman

Communication and language

We will be providing the children with lots of opportunities to develop their communication and language skills including a focus on following instructions, turn-taking and singing.

Personal, social and emotional development

We will be looking at how we can become more independent. Children will also develop an understanding of how to stay healthy and build strong friendships.

Physical development

In PE, we will be learning different skills through books. The first two books are 'Elmer' and 'How to Catch a Star'. Children will learn how to travel in different ways, use their bodies to make shapes and start to learn to throw and catch.

Literacy

We will be continuing our literacy work with Read Write Inc sessions as well as other reading and writing opportunities in continuous provision. There will be a focus on fine motor skills to help enable children to write using the correct form.

Mathematics

In mathematics, we will be looking at numbers to 5. We will be comparing groups and starting to look at the number bonds to 5. We will also learn some common shapes.

Understanding the world

We will be learning about how there are similarities and differences in each family. Children will also link this with their environment and what is in their local area. We will then look at celebrations and what different religions and cultures celebrate around the world.

Expressive arts and design

We will be using fruits and vegetables to create faces, and we will use different tools and materials to make collage sheets.

Religious Education

In RE, our units for the autumn term are Harvest, I Am Special and Christmas.

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 visit www.garstangstthomas.com/wraparound

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