

YEAR 1 @ GST

AUTUMN TERM NEWS



Message from Miss Heys

Dear Parent/Carer,

A very warm welcome to Year 1! I hope you have all had a wonderful summer break and are feeling excited for the year ahead.

I am really looking forward to getting to know the children and welcoming them into our Year 1 classroom. Our first few weeks will focus on helping everyone settle in, build confidence and become familiar with our new routines.

This term, we will be encouraging the children to develop their independence, take pride in their work and grow in confidence with their learning.

Phonics and reading are a key focus in Year 1. Regular reading at home, completing homework and practising spellings will make such a difference to the children's confidence and progress.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me. I'm looking forward to a happy and exciting first term together! 😊

Warm wishes,

Miss Heys



Key days of the week

Mondays

PE

Tuesdays

PE

Wednesdays

Homework in

Spelling test (fortnightly)

W/C: 14th September

Thursdays

Homework out

Fridays

Reminders

- Please ensure your child's homework pack is in their bag each day.
- 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 Leighton Hall – Tuesday 10th November
- Tough Mudder
- Parents evening – Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd October
- Nativity



Autumn Term Learning

Further curriculum information is available [here](#)

Below is an overview of the curriculum that will be covered in our first Autumn term.

English

Children will continue to learn and recap Set 1 and 2, whilst beginning to learn Set 3 sounds. We will enjoy a range of stories which we will base our writing on. Children will be taught to punctuate their sentences using a capital letter and full stop. Children will continue to work on their letter formation and presentation.

Maths

This term, children will complete units on place value to 10, addition and subtraction (within 10) and shape.

Science

We will learn about the human body including our senses, seasonal changes and investigating a range of materials.

RE

Our RE units this term are 'Harvest' and 'Creation'. We will explore Bible stories which tell us about Harvest. In the second half term, children will hear and retell the creation story whilst also participating in our nativity.

History

We will learn about the changes that have happened throughout our lives. We will compare old and new toys, while exploring family trees including the Royal family.

Geography

We will learn and discover the seven continents of our world and the five oceans by becoming familiar with using maps and globes.

Art and Design

Children will be introduced to spirals. Through an exploratory approach, children will follow the artist Kandinsky and create their own spiral portraits whilst completing regular drawing exercises.

Design and Technology

In the second half term, children will design and make a 2D mechanism. They will join materials together using sliders or levers to create their product.

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

PE sessions will take place on a Monday and a Tuesday each week. This term, children will undertake units on fundamental movement skills and PE sessions provided by Fleetwood Town.

Computing

Children will complete units on 'Computing Systems' and 'Digital Painting'. They will create a digital self-portrait utilising the online tools.

Languages

In the infants, children learn Spanish. This term, we will learn how to say the numbers to 10, how to greet others and a variety of traditional songs.

PSHE

We will cover age-related topics over the year. This term we will be concentrating on 'Me and my relationships' and 'Valuing Difference'.

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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office on:
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