

YEAR 2 @ GST

AUTUMN TERM NEWS



Message from Mr Wilkinson

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a wonderful and relaxing summer break. It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school, and I am very much looking forward to getting to know them and working with you throughout the year.

Year 2 is an exciting year, filled with new learning, challenges and opportunities. We have lots of exciting topics, activities and experiences planned, and I am looking forward to supporting each child as they continue to develop academically, socially and personally.

I believe that a strong partnership between home and school is incredibly important. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Thank you in advance for your continued support. I am excited for the year ahead and look forward to sharing the children's successes and achievements with you.

I hope we have a fantastic Year 2 together!

Best wishes,
Mr Wilkinson



Key days of the week

Mondays

Tuesdays

PE

Wednesdays

Homework in

Spelling test

Swimming

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 2...

- Swimming Lessons (every Wednesday)
- Parents evening – Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd October
- School trip to Lowry art gallery – Tuesday 1st December
- Tough Mudder
- Christmas 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

In English, we will continue to follow the RWI scheme, developing the children's reading fluency and comprehension skills. In writing, children will build confidence in creating longer, more detailed pieces, using accurate punctuation, conjunctions, expanded noun phrases and a range of sentence types.

Maths

Children will develop their understanding of place value, addition and subtraction, and shape. They will build confidence working with numbers, using mathematical methods accurately and applying their knowledge to solve problems and explain their reasoning.

Science

Science will explore animals' survival needs, humans, materials and their properties, and the environmental impact and uses of plastics.

RE

Our RE units will explore stories from the Bible, developing children's understanding of key messages, characters and events, with a particular focus on the Christmas story.

History

In history, we will focus on Black History, exploring the significant life and achievements of Learie Constantine before investigating how Garstang High Street has changed over time.

Geography

We will investigate Kepple Lane, developing children's understanding of their local area through fieldwork, observation, mapping and identifying key geographical features.

Art and Design

Art will follow a pathway of exploring and drawing, experimenting with different materials and techniques, while studying and taking inspiration from the work of L.S. Lowry.

Design and Technology

In DT, children will explore textiles, developing their practical skills as they design, create and make their own puppets using a range of materials and techniques.

Music

We will be working on developing understanding of rhythm, pulse and pitch through practical activities, before focusing on learning songs and preparing for our Christmas Nativity.

PE

PE will develop children's skills through striking and fielding games, gymnastics and swimming, with a focus on building confidence, coordination, teamwork and physical skills.

Computing

We will be creating digital music and developing understanding of computing systems and networks, including how devices connect, communicate and work together.

Languages

Spanish will introduce greetings and good manners, numbers from 1–20, and countries where Spanish is spoken. Children will also explore Christmas traditions in Spain and South America.

PSHE

This term, we will focus on 'Me and My Relationships' and 'Valuing Difference', helping children develop positive relationships, understand emotions and appreciate the similarities and differences between others.

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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with school, please call the school
office on:
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