

YEAR 3 @ GST

AUTUMN TERM NEWS



Message from Miss Whitehead

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 3! I hope you had a wonderful, restful summer break. It has been an absolute joy getting to know the class and watching them settle smoothly into Key Stage 2, adapting brilliantly to new routines.

This year, my main goal is to deliver an engaging curriculum while ensuring every child feels happy, safe and valued. Alongside strengthening core reading, writing, and maths, we will focus on building independence and confidence, encouraging the children to share their ideas proudly and find their voice.

You can support progress at home through daily reading, homework help, and weekly spelling practice. Your support makes all the difference. I look forward to catching up with many of you in the coming weeks, but please always feel free to reach out if anything comes up.

An overview of our learning for this term is detailed below.

Warm regards,
Miss Whitehead



Key days of the week

Mondays

PE

Tuesdays

PE

Wednesdays

**Homework handed in
Spelling test**

Thursdays

**Homework and spellings
sent out**

Fridays

Reminders

- Please ensure your child's homework pack is in their bag everyday.
- Please ensure PE kits are in school each day.
- Times table rockstars and spelling shed are fantastic resources to interact with at home.
- Accelerated reader reminder, continue to complete the quiz when the whole book is finished.

Coming up for Year 3...

- Local visit to Garstang high street
- History trip to Judges' Lodgings
- Tough Mudder

Autumn Term Learning

Further curriculum information is available [here](#)

Throughout this term, we will be focusing on the transition from Year 2 to Year 3. We have exciting and engaging lessons planned under the theme of 'Home Comforts', moving through to 'My Body is a Temple'.

English

In English, we are reading 'A Bear Called Paddington', focusing on creative story writing before moving into informative writing. 'The Green Children' is the next unit progression, involving folk tales, instructions and letters.

Maths

In the autumn term in mathematics, we are covering the topics of place value, addition and subtraction, and multiplication and division. We will ensure that the 2, 5 and 10 times tables from Year 2 are secure and start learning the 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

Science

This term, we will be focusing our learning on skeletons, movement, diet and nutrition. Children will learn about bones, joints and nutrition. The next topic investigates types of rocks.

RE

We will be learning about harvest and why it is celebrated. Towards the end of autumn, we will move on to the topic of Christmas and the importance and impact of Jesus.

History

Local history, school life and transport will be the topics for this half-term. We will question how Garstang is different now compared with when the school was built in 1871, and we will further investigate the history of the Lancaster Canal and transportation in the past.

Geography

This term we are looking at our local geography of Garstang, with a special focus on land use maps and physical/human features in towns.

Art and Design

We will be creating artwork with charcoal, using different drawing exercises and following a drawing pathway. We will have a big push on individual creativity.

Design and Technology

In the 2nd half of the term, we will be making sandwiches.

Music

We will start with 'Writing Down Music'. This will involve using instruments to understand notes visually, before moving on to 'Playing in a Band' to finish autumn term 2.

PE

Indoor PE will consist of gymnastics, and our outdoor PE will focus on invasion games with Fleetwood Town. We will start with netball and, after six weeks, progress to touch ball.

Computing

In this term, the children will work on their programming skills using Scratch. In the second half of the term, we will be creating media.

Languages

In French, we are learning greetings, numbers and the alphabet.

PSHE

We are starting with a topic called 'Me and My Relationships'. This involves discussion and activities based on rules and respect towards others. Our next topic will be valuing differences.

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
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01995 603454**