

YEAR 5 @ GST

AUTUMN TERM NEWS



Message from Miss Maguire

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the 2026/27 academic year! I hope you have all had a restful summer.

Moving into Upper KS2 is an exciting stage in your child's education. In Year 5, we will encourage children to become increasingly independent, develop their problem-solving skills and take on greater responsibility.

The Year 5 curriculum is busy and stimulating, so we ask children to approach each day with a positive attitude and readiness to learn. We expect high standards of kindness and respect, alongside a determination to do well, celebrate achievements and keep improving.

Homework also increases in Upper KS2. Please encourage your child to complete all homework carefully and hand it in by the due date.

We are looking forward to a happy and exciting year, with lots of personal and academic growth. Please see the reverse for this term's overview. 😊

Best wishes,
Miss Maguire



Key days of the week

Mondays

Tuesdays

Trumpet

Wednesdays

**Homework due in
Spelling test day**

Thursdays

Homework out

PE

Fridays

PE

Reminders

Please encourage your child to be independent but check they have:

- ✓ Their reading book and water bottle in their bag each day.
- ✓ Their trumpet on Tuesdays
- ✓ Homework in on time.
- ✓ PE kit on Thursdays and Fridays.

Coming up for Year 5...

- ✓ Meet the teacher and Tower Wood information evening
- ✓ Tower Wood residential 5th-7th October
- ✓ Competitive sporting opportunities



Autumn Term Learning

Further curriculum information is available [here](#)

We have many exciting lessons planned for this term and look forward to our educational Tower Wood residential trip.

English

Starting with The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, we will create our own narratives and write non-chronological reports about mythical beasts. We'll move on to explore the Legend of Gelert, producing creative and imaginative legend stories to share.

Maths

Within mathematics this term we will work on place value in 6-digit numbers, addition and subtraction of complex numbers, multiples, factors and prime numbers, followed by fractions.

Science

As scientists, we will explore forces and their effects. We will go on to study our solar system and our place in space. We will then learn about the effects of global warming on our planet.

RE

Our first learning focus in RE is 'How and why do Christians read the Bible?'. We will then move into our Christmas unit, investigating how Christian celebrations reflect the meaning of Christmas.

History

As historians, we will be exploring the legacy of the Early Islamic Civilisation - a Golden Age of ideas and invention.

Geography

Throughout our geography learning, we will explore questions about world trade. This includes how we are connected to world trade and the impact this has on the environment.

Art and Design

As artists, we will follow a drawing pathway, exploring typography and mapmaking.

Design and Technology

This term's DT will be a food project to create a low-carbon-footprint seasonal soup with some freshly baked bread of our own design.

Music

A specialist music teacher will teach us to play the trumpet. At the end of the term, you will be invited to our first concert, when we will share our progress and practice our performance skills.

PE

In dance, we will be constructing our own powerful Haka alongside developing our indoor athletic skills. Following on from this, we will move into gymnastics and creative games.

Computing

To help us understand how to search the internet safely, our first unit of work will be Computing Systems and Searching. We'll move on to create media in the form of vector drawings.

Languages

Monsieur Hope will be teaching French on Mondays. We'll expand our vocabulary around the face, food, the supermarket, directions, clothes and sports.

PSHE

This term, we will discuss relationships and the importance of valuing differences. We will hold complex discussions and express opinions. We have many team-building activities upcoming.

Contact us

Questions about learning

Please contact us 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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