



LOWER KEY STAGE 2 NEWSLETTER Terms 5 and 6

Welcome Back to Term 5 and 6

Welcome back to school for Term 5!

I would like to begin by welcoming you back to a new term after the Easter holidays. It only seems like yesterday that I was writing to welcome you all to the Year 3 and 4 department and now we are already

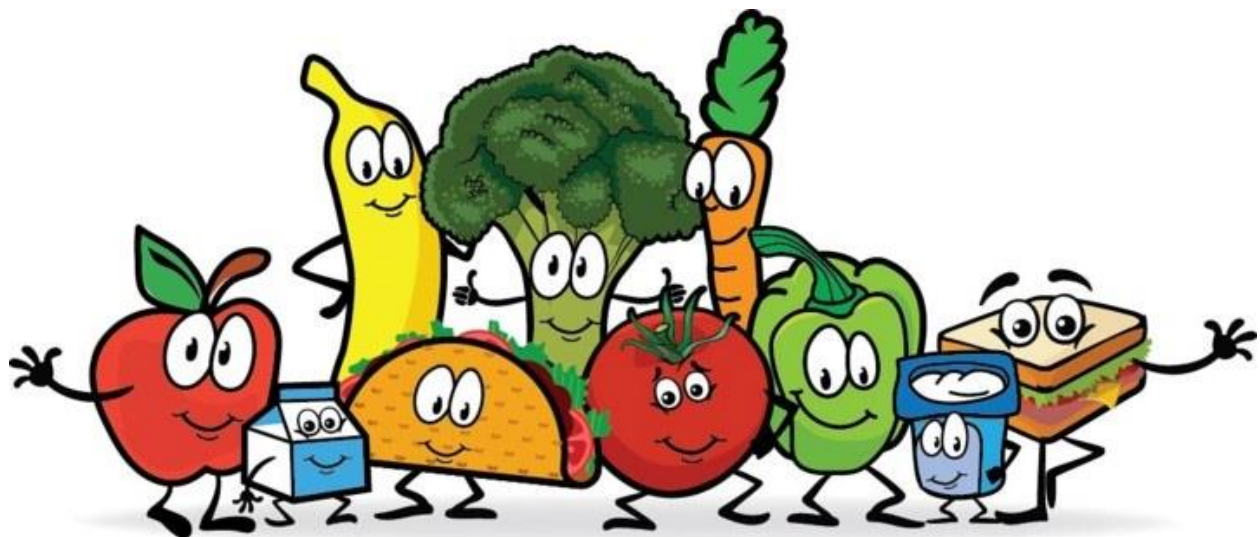
in term 5. The children have all settled back sensibly after the holidays and we are all looking forward to some successful and happy terms ahead.

Please may I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support during terms 3 and 4. The terms were indeed busy ones and it was wonderful to see our year 3 and 4 pupils getting involved in all the extra-curricular activities and opportunities that took place. There were many highlights during the terms, for example: World Book Day where, as always, we were amazed to see the fabulous effort that went into the wonderful costumes; sports challenges and competitions; and Red Nose Day to name a few. The children also enjoyed experiences planned to enhance their learning of a particular topic, for example Greek food tasting for year 3 and the successful and enjoyable trip to Lullingstone Roman Villa for year 4. I am sure that as the term progresses, there will be lots more exciting opportunities, so keep a look out for any news on the Weduc app and any key dates in this newsletter.

I would also like to say a huge well done and thank you to all the children and staff in Year 4 for their fantastic Easter Assembly, E-A-S-T-E-R spells Easter, which they managed to put together in a very short time. All the children involved worked extremely hard to learn lines, practise scenes and rehearse songs and I am sure that those who watched it will agree that their hard work paid off with a memorable performance.

This newsletter will give you a brief outline of the topics your child will be learning about during the next two terms and will give you information that you may find useful. Please take the time to check your WEDUC app or the school website, as you will be informed regularly of any updates, events or school news on here. If you require and help with this app, do please contact our school office for support. Our school website will also have regular updates providing useful information, as well as news about some of the fabulous learning our children are doing in school. We also have our own Team Garlinge YouTube channel where we also share exciting news, events and updates.

Keeping Healthy at Garlinge



We are proud to have been awarded 'Healthy School' status. We encourage parents to pack a healthy lunchbox for their child, and we discourage chocolate or crisps.

We encourage children to bring in a piece of fruit to eat at break times. Also, as a 'Healthy School', we are unable to hand out birthday cakes/sweets to children in our classes provided by parents.

The children are encouraged to drink water throughout the day, they may use their school water bottle or bring in a water-bottle of their own from home. Please may we ask for water only in these bottles, not squash.

REMEMBER we are a nut free school and no products containing nuts should be brought into school



Uniform and Physical Education

Uniform

We would like all of the children to take pride in their school uniform. A full uniform list is available on our school website www.garlingeprimary.co.uk¹ or if you are unsure please do speak to your child's class teacher. All items of school uniform should be clearly named. We would also request that children wear plain black shoes and not trainers to school. Earrings are permitted, but must be small plain studs please.

Physical Education

Help your children to be organized in PE;

¹<http://www.garlingeprimary.co.uk/>

1. Help your children to be organised for PE by making sure that they wear their PE kit to school on their PE day. Year 3 is **Friday** and Year 4 is **Tuesday**. This should consist of their house team-coloured t-shirt, dark shorts or dark joggers and trainers. We have asked for children to still wear their usual school jumper or cardigan on their PE days. If your child needs a new coloured house t-shirt, these can be ordered on our school website - Uniform - Garlinge Primary School and Nursery². Alternatively, they are available from the Ambition Sport website -Home - Ambition Sport³. Children with pierced ears will need to remove earrings when taking part in PE lessons; this can be done either at school or at home beforehand. Please also ensure that pupils have long hair tied back for their PE day.
2. Please ensure that any earrings are taken out for PE days.



²<https://www.garlingeprimary.co.uk/uniform>

³<https://www.ambitionsport.com/>

Punctuality and Attendance



School gates open at 8:45am

Punctuality:

The doors open from 8:45am and this is when your child comes into school and hangs up their coat and gets themselves ready for registration. Registration starts at 8:50am.

When a child is late for school they miss out socially and feel they are not part of the lessons. We would ask you to ensure your child is brought to school ready to start their day from 8:45am.

Attendance:

Children should attend school every day unless they are ill. When children are absent they miss vital parts of their education. If your child is going to be absent please inform the school office. Every class is awarded for **100%** attendance and the children feel proud when they receive this.



1 - Can you support you child's class to achieve 100% punctuality and attendance?

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HOMEWORK, READING AND TIMES TABLES



Homework:

The majority of the children in years 3 and 4 have settled well into their homework routines, using their homework activities to reinforce their learning in class as well as developing the important skills of **independence and organisation**. As always, we have been really impressed with the effort that some children have shown towards their longer homework tasks recently on the new topics of Rivers and The Lake District. I know that many children have enjoyed sharing these with their classes and seeing them displayed in class. It is clear that a lot of hard work and time had been spent on them, **thank you so much for your support with this!**

There are however a minority of children who need regular reminders to hand their homework in on time and it is important that they get used to the routine and remember the importance of attempting

the homework tasks to support their learning. This is particularly important as we begin to think about preparing your child for their transition into their new year group.

Please continue to look out for weekly homework tasks and encourage your children to approach all tasks with independence, ensuring that tasks are **handed in on time**. Homework for years 3 and 4 will be set every **Friday** and will be expected to be handed in the following **Wednesday**. If a longer project style piece of homework is set, your child may be given longer to complete it.

Reading:

Thank you for supporting your child with their reading at home. This really is a vital part of the children's routine and whilst we appreciate time is often an issue, 10-15 minutes of reading with your child every day will really help them succeed in school. The children also really enjoy the Buster's Book Club challenge on a **Wednesday**, so please continue to support this and make sure that those **bookmarks are signed!**

We are continuing to work hard as a school to raise the profile of reading for pleasure amongst our children and the children are enjoying the many opportunities they are given to enjoy reading a range of books, comics etc in school. Please support us at home by sharing books that you enjoy with the children, helping them to understand that reading can be a wonderful way to learn and relax. Many of our children have also shared with us that they are members of a local library. This is wonderful and the children enjoy sharing with us ways that they can use the library to find books to read for pleasure as well as supporting them with homework tasks.

Times Tables:

Last term you received a letter from our maths lead, Miss Rowden informing you about the **Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)** due to take place for Year 4 pupils in **June** this year. This assessment will take place between **Monday 6th June and Friday 24th June**. The letter from Miss Rowden along with the information for parents leaflet which was also distributed should hopefully provide all the information you need, however if you have any further queries regarding the MTC, please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child's class teacher.

The children in Years 3 and 4 continue to work very hard on their times tables which are practised daily in school and I know that the children enjoy practising at home too and thank you for your support with this. Times Tables Rock Stars continues to be very beneficial, with children thoroughly enjoying the resource as a different way to practise their times tables.

Please do continue to encourage your children to use this resource as they particularly enjoy achieving personal successes as well as taking part in class battles. If you have any queries regarding the Multiplication Tables Check or Times Tables Rock Stars, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher, myself or Miss Rowden.

ASSESSMENTS AND LEARNING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM



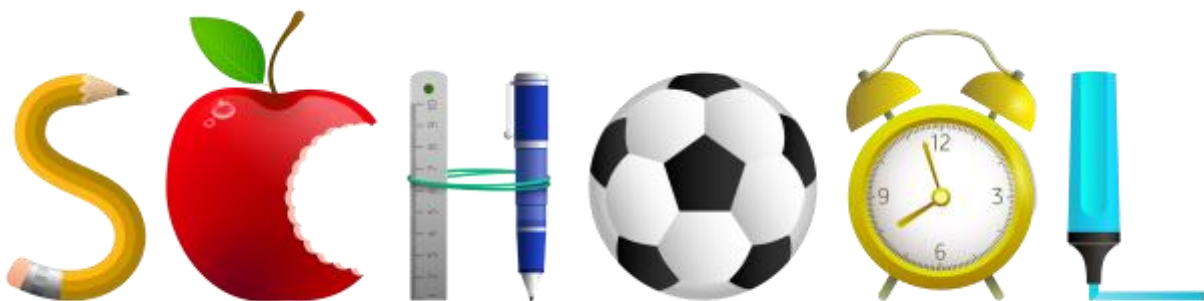
Assessment:

As well as the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check for year 4, in term 6, the year 3 and 4 assessment week will take place in the week commencing **Monday 20th June**. During this important week, the children will be assessed in all areas of maths and English to track their progress against their prior attainment and national expectations. It is important that children are in school during this week as we find that if children sit the tests separately from their class, they tend not to perform to their full potential.

Learning outside the classroom:

I am sure you will agree that we are very fortunate to have such a wonderful school site with many outdoor learning areas which are constantly being improved and developed. As a school, one of our priorities is to increase the use of the outdoor areas to support learning. As a result of this, we continue to look for more and more ways to get the children learning outside and enjoying the benefits that being outside can bring. Some examples of this so far this year have included: active maths lessons on the playground, reading for pleasure outside and science investigations e.g. nature walks. Please do ask your children about this aspect of their learning as I'm sure they will enjoy telling you about the opportunities they are being given.

The Curriculum



Year 3

HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY

Term 5 – Rivers

Term 6 - Scotland

SCIENCE

Terms 5 – Rocks

Term 6 – Plants

R.E

Term 5 - Why do people pray? Why do people go to places of worship?

Term 6 - What does it mean to be a Christian in Britain today?

PSHE

Term 5 – Healthy Lifestyles

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MUSIC

Term 5- Music express time

Term 6 - French singing

Year 4

HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY

Term 5 - England - The Lake District

Term 6 - How do volcanoes and earthquakes affect the lives of people?

SCIENCE

Terms 5 – Living things and their habitat

Term 6 – Animals including humans

R.E

Term 5 - Why do some people think that life is a journey?

Term 6 - What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?

PSHE

Term 5 – Health and Well being

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MUSIC

Term 5- Music express - Around the world

Term 6 - Music express - Food and drink

Meet the Team

If you have any questions about your child's education, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or myself, we will gladly be able to assist you. Can I also remind you about the class email contacts, as listed below. These are a useful way of keeping in contact with your child's class teacher as well with any queries that you may have.

3A

Teacher: Miss Setchfield

TA: Mrs Uburgs

3A@garlinge.kent.sch.uk⁴

3B:

Teacher: Mr Barnes and Mrs Moore

TA: Mrs Petzendorfer, Mr Lambert and Ms Taylor

3B@garlinge.kent.sch.uk⁵

3C:

Teacher: Ms Bridgeman

TA: Mrs Hotson, Mrs Axford, Miss Fendt, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Robinson- Daugirda

3C@garlinge.kent.sch.uk⁶

3D:

Teacher: Miss Rowden

TA: Mrs Smith, Miss Rolfe and Ms Watson

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4A

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⁶<mailto:1C@garlinge.kent.sch.uk>

⁷<mailto:1D@garlinge.kent.sch.uk>

Teacher: Miss Subramaniam

TA: Miss Newing and Mr Clarke

4A@garlinge.kent.sch.uk⁸

4B

Teacher: Mrs Flynn

TA: Miss Keeler and Miss Stanley

4B@garlinge.kent.sch.uk⁹

4C

Teacher: Mrs Goode

TA: Mrs Broad and Mrs Skelton

4C@garlinge.kent.sch.uk¹⁰

4D

Teacher: Miss Bobbett

TA: Mrs Unthank

4D@garlinge.kent.sch.uk

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Important Dates



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Key dates for your diary:

Monday 2nd May-Bank Holiday

Thursday 5th May-3AB trip to Wingham Wildlife Park

Thursday 12th May-3CD trip to Wingham Wildlife Park

WB 16th May-Road Safety Week in school

Thursday 19th-Tuesday 24th May-Book Fair after school

WB 23rd May-Sports Week (further info to follow)

Wednesday 25th May-Year 3 Sports Day (pm) and Year 4 Sports Day (am)

Friday 27th May - End of term 5

Monday 6th June – Term 6 begins

Monday 6th June-Friday 24th June-Administration of Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

WB 20th June- Year 3 and 4 Assessment Week

Wednesday 6th July-Transition Day for years R-5

Thursday 21st July-End of term 6

Further dates will be provided, as term 5 progresses and shared via the Weduc app.