



# Garlinge Primary School and Nursery



## Years 3 and 4 Newsletter

### Terms 1 and 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin by welcoming you all back to a new academic year after the summer break. It has been wonderful to see the children return to school so happily after the holidays and they have made us all so proud with how quickly and sensibly they have settled into their new classes and routines. As always, thank you for your support with this and we look forward to an exciting and successful year working together with you for the benefit of the children.

This newsletter aims to introduce you to the Year 3 and 4 department and the main topics of learning within each year group, as well as providing you with information which you may find useful when supporting your child.

#### Staff

The department staff for this academic year are:

<b><u>3A-Miss Setchfield</u></b> TAs-Miss Clayton and Mrs Uburgs	<b><u>4A-Miss Subramaniam</u></b> TAs-Miss Newing and Mr Clarke
<b><u>3B-Mrs Moore</u></b> TAs- Mrs Petzendorfer, Mr Lambert and Ms Taylor	<b><u>4B-Mrs Flynn</u></b> TAs-Miss Keeler and Miss Stanley
<b><u>3C-Ms Bridgeman</u></b> TAs- Mrs Goodman, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Hotson	<b><u>4C-Mrs Goode</u></b> TAs-Mrs Broad and Mrs Skelton
<b><u>3D-Miss Rowden</u></b> TAs- Mrs Smith, Miss Hallam and Ms Watson	<b><u>4D-Miss Bobbett</u></b> TA-Mrs Unthank

#### How you can help your child

##### Attendance



We want all children at Garlinge to get the most out of their education, and attending school every day is an important part of this. In Years 3 and 4, we are keen to promote good attendance and punctuality. Please help your children to appreciate the importance of regular attendance and good punctuality by ensuring that they arrive at school promptly in time for a smooth and organised start to the day. The gates are open between 8.45am and 8.55 am and registers are taken at 9.00am. We ask that in the case of illness, the school office is informed at the earliest opportunity.

##### End of the day routines

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support in collecting your children promptly at the end of the day and leaving the site as quickly as possible. Your patience as all teachers and TAs get to know the new faces is also much appreciated. Please may I politely remind you that Year 4 classes will be led out to the back of the KS2 playground at 3.15pm following a set path. It is important that all adults stand back from the path and the back of the playground whilst this is happening. I would also like to request that collected/unattended children are not allowed to play on the timber trail whilst the Year 4 teachers are dismissing their classes. Thankyou.

##### 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.uk](http://www.garlingeprimary.co.uk) 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. We have noticed that a minority of children are wearing items of jewellery to school. Please may I remind you that only earrings are permitted, but must be small, plain studs please. As the weather begins to get cooler, please ensure that your child brings a coat to school.

## PE

Help your children to be organised for PE by making sure that they wear their PE kit into school on their year group PE day. This should consist of their house coloured T-shirt, dark shorts and trainers. Dark coloured joggers can be worn for outdoor PE during the colder months and children may wear their usual school jumper or cardigan on these days too. If your child needs a new house coloured T-shirt, there is a guide to ordering these and a link on the school website- <https://www.garlingeprimary.co.uk/uniform>. School policy states that earrings must be removed or taped by your child for their PE lessons. Tape will be provided by the school if needed.



### PE Days for Years 3 and 4 are as follows:

Year 3	Friday
Year 4	Tuesday

## Homework



Homework is an important way in which you can support your child's learning and will consist of weekly tasks set by class teachers. On alternate weeks, pupils will be set a maths or topic/English based homework activity linked to their learning in class. At the beginning of a new topic, pupils may be set a longer 'project style' homework task with a choice of ways to present their learning.



Please ensure that your child takes pride in their homework tasks and develops their organisational skills by handing completed homework 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, Spellings and Times Tables

Your children have all been issued with a home reading book which they should take home each day. Please support your child by listening to them read on a **daily** basis as well as spending time discussing their books with them. Also, please look out for our Buster's Book Club reading incentive scheme. This is a popular scheme in school, encouraging children to read for a target number of minutes each Wednesday for a possible class reward.

The children are taught spellings every week and will bring home weekly spellings to learn and practise. Please encourage them to use the 'Look, Say, Cover, Write and Check', method and help them to learn the words as well as discuss their meaning and how the words could be used in sentences.



Times tables are an important part of daily learning in school and it is expected that children should know **all** the multiplication and division facts up to 12 x 12 by the end of **Year 4**. There will be further information to follow regarding the statutory **Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)** due to take place for Year 4 pupils this academic year. Please support your children with their times tables by encouraging them to practise them daily. Your children have all been given log in details for 'Times Tables Rock Stars' which I know has proven to be very popular and is a fantastic way of helping the pupils to learn their times tables and recall the facts speedily. If you have any queries regarding Times Tables Rock Stars, please liaise with your child's class teacher.



## A 'Healthy School'

We are proud to have been awarded 'Healthy School' status, therefore we encourage parents to pack a healthy lunchbox for their child, and we discourage chocolate, sweets or crisps. We encourage children to bring in a piece of fruit to eat at break times. Also, as a 'Healthy School', may I remind you that 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 and may use their school water bottle which stays in school, or bring in a water bottle from home. May I also remind you that we are a '**nut free**' school; therefore, food containing nuts cannot be eaten in school.

## Topics and Learning

The main topic areas in Years 3 and 4 for Term 1 are as follows:

<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 4</u>
HISTORY-Ancient Egypt	HISTORY-The Stone Age
SCIENCE- Light	SCIENCE-States of Matter
RE- Why is the Bible important to Christians today?	RE- What can we learn from religions about deciding what is right and wrong?
PSHCE- Living in the wider world	PSHCE- Living in the wider world
Music-Music Express (poetry)	Music-Music Express (environment)

Details of Term 2 topics will be published on the school website.

## Important Dates/information

Please take the time to check the school WEDUC messaging app for any information regarding school events/news. If you require any help with this app, do please contact our school office for support. Our school website will also have regular updates providing useful information.

### Key dates for your diary:

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Last day term 1

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – INSET day

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Term 2 begins.

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Anti-bullying week in schools

Week beginning Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas party week - Christmas details and class party dates will be finalised nearer the time

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Last day term 2

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December – INSET day



## Contact with class teacher

If you would like to get in touch with your child's class teacher regarding your child's education, you can email using the class email address below:

Miss Setchfield-3A@garlinge.kent.sch.uk

Mrs Moore-3B@garlinge.kent.sch.uk

Ms Bridgeman-3C@garlinge.kent.sch.uk

Miss Rowden-3D@garlinge.kent.sch.uk

Miss Subramaniam-4A@garlinge.kent.sch.uk

Mrs Flynn-4B@garlinge.kent.sch.uk

Mrs Goode-4C@garlinge.kent.sch.uk

Miss Bobbett-4D@garlinge.kent.sch.uk

Thank you for taking the time to read this department newsletter. If you have any questions regarding any of the information, please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's class teacher.

We all look forward to a successful term working with you and your children and thank you again for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs A. Goode-Assistant Headteacher and LKS2 Department Leader