



Garlinge Primary School and Nursery



Years 5 and 6 Newsletter

Terms 5 and 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin by welcoming you all back to a new term after the Easter holidays, hoping that the summer term is a successful and healthy term ahead. The children have all come back looking lovely and smart taking pride in wearing our school uniform. Thank you too for your ongoing support with the adjustments that have been made to school life and the changes that we have made over the last few terms. This newsletter gives a brief outline of the topics for the summer terms 5 and 6, along with additional information which you may find useful.

How you can help your child

Please may we ask that your child arrives in school ready for registration and their first lesson. The gates are open between 8.45am and 9.05 am. Registers are taken at 9.05am. Please may I also request that year 6 children do not arrive early at the year 6 gate end, or gather in groups at the year 6 school gate – your support with this is appreciated. Please also continue to the regular updates that are also being sent out via the school WEDUC app. This app is extremely useful and will keep you up to date with any school messages or notifications. We do ask that you telephone the office if your child is not well enough to come to school, or is displaying any COVID related symptoms and then follow the government advice and school guidance. Thank you for your support with this.

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 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.

PE

Help your children to be organised for PE by making sure that they wear their PE kit to school on their PE day. Year 5 is Thursday and Year 6 is Friday. 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 - <https://www.garlingeprimary.co.uk/uniform> . Alternatively, they are available from the Ambition Sport website - <http://www.ambitionsport.com/> . 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.

Homework, Reading, Spellings and Times Tables

Homework is an important way in which you can support your child's learning. Daily homework consists of: spellings, times tables and reading. 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 encourage your child to take part in our Buster's Book Club reading incentive scheme, which is every Wednesday. This is a popular scheme in school, encouraging children to read for a target number of minutes each Wednesday for a possible class reward. Times tables and weekly spellings are also an important part of regular learning in school and should be practised at home daily. All children have a Times Tables Rock Stars login, where they will be able to practise their times tables using this fun resource. We also welcome other ways in which to practise times tables at home that are also successful for your child. Knowing the times tables is an integral part of the upper school maths curriculum, so your support is gladly welcomed. Spelling lists to learn will be sent home weekly in your child's home spelling book, regular practice will also support your child. This term, we will also be sending home one piece of homework per week to complete linked to your child's learning in maths, English or topic. Dates for this will be shared in your child's homework books; your support with this homework will be welcomed.

A 'Healthy School'

We are proud to have been awarded a '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', 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. May I also remind you that we are a '**nut-free**' school; therefore, food containing nuts cannot be eaten in school.

Warmer Weather

As the weather becomes warmer, please help to ensure that your child is suitably prepared at school. Although there are shaded areas on the playground, I would recommend that sun cream is applied to your child on hotter days and that they have a sun hat/cap, which they can wear at break and lunchtimes. Thank you for your support with this.



Assessments

Year 6

As you may be aware, the government have taken the decision to cancel the year 6 SATS tests this year. This will allow the year 6 teachers to continue teaching the content of the National Curriculum in preparation for transition at the end of term 6. There will be some internal school assessments carried out in June, which will help to inform teacher assessments that will be shared with secondary schools.

Year 5

Year 5 children will also be completing their VR (Verbal Reasoning) and NVR (Non-Verbal Reasoning) tests during the week beginning 17th May, in preparation for their up and coming Kent Test decisions – further details will follow.

Year 5 assessment week takes place in the week commencing 21st June; the children will be assessed in all areas of maths and English. It is important that children are in school during this week. We do find that if children sit the tests separately from their class, they tend not to perform to their full potential.

Topics and Learning – Terms 5 and 6

<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Year 6</u>
GEOGRAPHY – USA Lead text Holes HISTORY – Vikings ART & DESIGN TECHNOLOGY – Topic links	GEOGRAPHY – Our World Mapwork South America ART & DESIGN TECHNOLOGY – Topic links
SCIENCE- Living things and their habitats Animals including humans	SCIENCE – Animals including humans RSE – Relationship and sexual education
R.E- What would Jesus do? Can people live by the values of Jesus in the 21st Century? What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?	R.E- What matters most to Christians and to Humanists? Beliefs
PSHCE- Health and Wellbeing Health and Wellbeing, RSE (Relationship and Sexual Education)	PSHCE- Health and wellbeing, healthy lifestyles Growing and changing, keeping safe, RSE (Relationship and Sexual Education)
MUSIC- Learning to play the ukulele	MUSIC- Composing and singing South American music
PE- Striking and fielding games Sports leadership	PE- Striking and fielding games Sports leadership

Further information will follow regarding the Relationship and Sexual Education, which will be taught to both year groups in term 6.

Important Dates

Please do 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 here during this current time. If you require any help with this app, 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.

Key dates for your diary:

WB 17th – 21st May – Year 5 VR/NVR tests

Thursday 20th May – Year 6 online roadshow 'Travelling Safely to Secondary School'

WB 24th – 28th May – School Book Fair (further information to follow)

Thursday 27th May – Year 5 information pack sent home regarding Kent Test applications

Friday 28th May – Year 5 USA curriculum enrichment day (further information to follow)

Friday 28th May - break up for end of term 5

Monday 7th June – Term 6 begins

WB 21st – 25th June – Year 5 and 6 school assessment weeks

Friday 2nd July – reports sent home

Friday 16th July – last day of term 6 and saying our goodbyes and good luck to year 6

Further dates will be provided, as term 5 progresses and as the school are updated regarding COVID restrictions. These will be shared via the WEDUC app. We will also keep our year 6 parents, carers and children updated with transition information and leavers activities and events.

Finally, 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.

Mr Cowan – 5A@garlinge.kent.sch.uk

Miss Hatcher- 5B@garlinge.kent.sch.uk

Miss Hawtin – 5C@garlinge.kent.sch.uk

Mrs McGrath - 5D@garlinge.kent.sch.uk

Mrs Pegden – 6A@garlinge.kent.sch.uk

Miss Jenkins – 6B@garlinge.kent.sch.uk

Mr Shepherd – 6C@garlinge.kent.sch.uk

Mr Millership – 6D@garlinge.kent.sch.uk

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

Yours faithfully,

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