



Garlinge Primary School and Nursery



Years 5 and 6 Newsletter

Terms 3 and 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin by welcoming you all back to a new year after the Christmas holidays, hoping that 2022 is a successful and healthy year ahead. The children have all come back looking lovely and smart taking pride in wearing our school uniform. This newsletter gives a brief outline of the topics for the spring terms 3 and 4, along with additional information which you may find useful.

How you can help your child

Please make sure that your child arrives in school ready for registration and their first lesson. The gates are open between 8.45am and 8.55 am. Registers are taken at 9.00am. Please may I 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. There are named cones for each year 6 class to line up behind – your support with this is appreciated. Can I also request that children are sent into school with extra layers on during the colder months, as we are also keeping the windows open for additional ventilation during the current times that we are in. We are happy for extra layers to be worn underneath the children's school jumpers or cardigans, as well as extra socks or tights if this helps. Please may I ask for you to refer to the updated COVID guidance document, that was sent to parents via the WEDUC app. This gives step by step information for you as parents regarding any illness. 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 through 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.

PE

Help your child to be organised for PE by making sure that they wear their PE kit into 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 Garlinge school jumper or cardigan on their PE days, with extra layers underneath during the colder months please. 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 children have long hair tied back for their PE day.

If your child walks or travels to school on their own and brings a mobile phone, please do ensure that they are handed into school staff at the start of the day, when they will be locked away. The phones are then collected at the end of the day. Please may we ask for your support and ensure that phones are only brought into school if your child travels to or from school on their own.

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 child has 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, 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.

Topics and Learning

Years 5 and 6 Topics for Terms 3 and 4:

<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Year 6</u>
<u>GEOGRAPHY</u> Terms 3 & 4 – USA	<u>HISTORY</u> Terms 3 - The Ancient Maya <u>GEOGRAPHY</u> Term 4 – Our World
<u>SCIENCE</u> Terms 3 & 4 - Forces	<u>SCIENCE</u> Term 3 - Light. Term 4 - Human systems
<u>R.E</u> Term 3 - Places of worship Term 4 - Easter	<u>R.E</u> Term 3 - What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today? Term 4 - Christianity & Bible Stories – Easter
<u>PSHE</u> Terms 3 & 4 - Relationships	<u>PSHE</u> Terms 3 & 4 - Relationships
<u>MUSIC</u> Terms 3 & 4 - Learning to play the ukulele	<u>MUSIC</u> Term 3 – Rhythm and harmonies Term 4 – Roots unit – songs and rhythm
<u>PE</u> Terms 3 & 4 - Multisport & sports leadership skills	<u>PE</u> Terms 3 & 4 - Invasion games skills

Important Dates

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 here. 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, 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.

Key dates for your diary:

Friday 11th February: End of term 3

Monday 21st February: INSET Day

Tuesday 22nd February: Term 4 begins. Bike Ability begins for year 6 (see separate details sent)

Tuesday 1st March: Year 6 secondary school places confirmed (email after 4.00pm)

Tuesday 15th March: Year 6 to accept or decline school places by this date at the latest – direct to schools

Friday 25th March: Annual Pupil Reports to parents.

Wednesday 30th March: Parents evening 3:30pm – 7.30pm. Details TBC

Friday 1st April: End of term 4

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.

Mrs Greenfield – 5A@garlinge.kent.sch.uk

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

Miss Hawtin – 5C@garlinge.kent.sch.uk

Miss Keohane - 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,

Mrs D. Pegden - Assistant Headteacher and UKS2 Department Leader