



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 and the school closures during the COVID 19 period. It has been wonderful to see the children return to school so happily after such a long time away 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:

<u>3A-Miss Setchfield</u> TAs-Mrs Brookman and Mrs Hotson	<u>4A-Miss Subramaniam</u> TAs-Miss Newing and Miss Hayes
<u>3B-Miss Bobbett</u> TAs-Mrs Unthank and Mrs Zebua	<u>4B-Mrs Flynn</u> TAs-Miss Keeler and Miss Verrall
<u>3C-Ms Bridgeman</u> TA-Mrs Skelton	<u>4C-Mrs Goode</u> TAs-Miss Kerton and Mrs Cole
<u>3D-Miss Rowden</u> TA-Mr Waller	<u>4D-Mrs Greenfield</u> TAs-Mrs Harnett-Fuller, Mrs Smith and Mrs Taylor
<u>Year 3 PE/PPA Teachers-</u> Mrs Sparkes, Miss Bailey, Mr Hearn and Mrs Demetriou	<u>Year 4 PE/PPA Teachers-</u> Mrs Sparkes, Miss Bailey, Mr Hearn and Mr Cowan

How you can help your child

Arrival at school



Thank you for your support in helping your children have a smooth start at the beginning of the day. The gates are open between 8.45am and 9.05am to allow for a more 'fluid' start and to avoid congestion. There are always adults on the doors to support the children as they arrive. A 'starter of the day' activity is planned in each class for when the children arrive and the register is taken at 9.05am. We ask that you telephone the office if your child is not well enough to attend school or is displaying any COVID related symptoms. Please follow the government advice where necessary and the advice given in Mr Williams' recent whole school newsletter.

End of the day routines

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support following the changes made to the end of the day routines for Years 3 and 4. We feel that the new routine is working successfully in helping to dismiss the children in a safe manner, whilst supporting social distancing. Please may I politely remind you to remember to wait in the allocated zone for your child and be aware that Year 4 classes will be led out to the back of the KS2 playground at 3.10pm following a set path. It is important that all adults stand back from the path whilst this is happening. May I also request that you leave the school site as quickly as possible once you have collected your child. 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 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. 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. 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. 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>



PE Days for Years 3 and 4 are as follows:

Year 3	Friday
Year 4	Tuesday

Homework, Reading, Spellings and Times Tables

Homework is an important way in which you can support your child's learning. As we settle back into new routines at school after such a long period away, there will be no set written homework until further notice. We would however like the children to focus on establishing their own routines at home for reading to an adult and practising their spellings and times tables. Once these routines are successfully up and running and the children are showing a commitment to this, we will look to introduce weekly tasks again. Of course, if your child shows a particular interest in any aspect of their topic learning, we would welcome them sharing facts that they have learnt about or researched at home in their topic lessons.



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. Please support your children with this by encouraging them to practise their times tables 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 do different people believe about God?
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

Please take the time to check with your child each day to see if they have been given any letters as you will be informed regularly of any events/school news. As well as letters, you will receive regular updates from the school via the WEDUC messaging app; 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:

Friday 23rd October – End of term 1.

Monday 2nd November – Term 2 begins.

Monday 16th – Friday 20th November – Anti-bullying week in schools

Week beginning Monday 14th December-Christmas Party Week (Details tbc nearer the time)

Friday 18th December – End of term 2.



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

Miss Bobbett-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

Mrs Greenfield-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