



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 I look forward to a successful year working together with you for the benefit of the children. The children have all come back looking lovely and smart and have settled well into their new classrooms and routines.

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-Mr Atterbury</u> TAs-Miss Stone and Mrs White	<u>4A-Miss Rowden</u> TAs-Miss Whelan and Miss Hudson
<u>3B-Miss Bobbett</u> TAs-Miss Mahoney and Mrs Smith	<u>4B-Mr Saddler</u> TA-Miss Keeler
<u>3C-Ms Bridgeman</u> TAs-Miss Kerton and Miss White	<u>4C-Mrs Goode</u> TAs-Mrs Brookman, Miss Hudson and Miss Hart
<u>3D-Mrs Moore</u> TAs-Miss Farley and Miss White	<u>4D-Mrs Greenfield</u> TAs-Mrs Cook, Miss Newing, Miss Hart and Mrs Mulhall
<u>Year 3 PPA Teachers-</u> Miss Kemp, Mrs Mileham, Mr Cowan and Miss Sparkes	<u>Year 4 PPA Teachers-</u> Mr Cowan, Miss Sparkes, Miss Allen and Miss Clarke

How you can help your child

Attendance and punctuality



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 through a variety of rewards for individual pupils and classes which I'm sure your children will enjoy telling you about. Please help your children to appreciate the importance of regular attendance and good punctuality by ensuring that they arrive at school promptly at 8.45am in time for a smooth and organised start to the day. We ask that in the case of illness, the school office is informed at the earliest opportunity.

Uniform

We would like all of the children to take pride in their school uniform. A full uniform list is available on our school web-site 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 **always** have a PE kit in school. This should consist of a white T-shirt, dark shorts and plimsolls for indoor PE; trainers for outdoor PE. Dark coloured joggers and sweatshirts can be worn for outdoor PE during the winter months. 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.



PE Days for Years 3 and 4 are as follows:

3A	Monday and Friday	4A	Tuesday and Wednesday
3B	Monday and Friday	4B	Tuesday and Wednesday
3C	Monday and Friday	4C	Tuesday and Thursday
3D	Monday and Friday	4D	Tuesday and Thursday

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. Please ensure that your child takes pride in their homework tasks and develops their organisational skills by handing completed homework in on time. In **Year 3**, homework will be set every Friday to be handed in the following Wednesday. In **Year 4**, homework will be set every Thursday to be handed in the following Tuesday.



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. For more information on how you can support your child with their reading, please come along to the LKS2 Reading Workshop on 8th October. 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. Times tables are also 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 these daily. The children are taught spelling every week and will usually 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 discussing their meaning and how the words could be used in sentences.

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.

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
R.E- What do different people believe about God?	R.E-What do different people believe about God?
PSHCE- Me and my keeping safe	PSHCE-Me and keeping safe

Details of Term 2 topics will follow.

Targets

All children have been given targets for maths, reading, writing and science to ensure that they continue to move forward and make the progress expected of them. Children should know their targets and be constantly working towards achieving them. These are displayed in classrooms, on the children's books and will also be shared with you during our Parent Evenings.

Parental Involvement

At Garlinge, we are keen to involve you in school life by finding ways to share all the good learning that goes on in our classrooms. Therefore, we will look to continue to invite you into school for regular Parent Workshops, These opportunities have been very successful in the past, giving you the opportunity to sample a typical lesson in your child's classroom and work alongside your child. Please look out for letters of invitation soon.

Please also take the time to visit the school website www.garlingeprimary.co.uk which is regularly updated with news and information to keep you informed.

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.

Key dates for your diary:

19th September – 'Meet the teacher and team meeting' for Lower Key Stage 2 parents/carers at 1.45pm

8th October- Lower Key Stage 2 Reading Workshop

19th October – End of term 1.

29th October – Term 2 begins.

14th November – Parent Consultation Evening (details to follow)

19th December – End of term 2.



Finally, if you have any questions regarding any of the information in this newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's class teacher. We all look forward to a successful term and thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs A. Goode

Assistant Headteacher and Department Leader