



Garnet Class Newsletter



Thorpe Church of England Aided Primary School

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Dear Parents,
[Welcome to Year 4!](#)

I hope you all had a wonderful summer. I am delighted to welcome you and your children to Garnet Class. It is going to be a busy half-term!

In English we will begin by reading Aesop's Fables by Michael Rosen and Michael Morpurgo and the children will write their own fable. We will then move onto explanation texts; the children will create their own invention based on 'Cracking Contraptions' from Wallace and Gromit and 'Until I met Dudley' by Roger McGough. Lastly, we will read and explore list poems and the children will write their own based on a theme.

In Maths we will begin exploring Place Value in 3 and 4-digit numbers, ordering and rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. We will learn about Roman Numerals and negative numbers and then finish with formal methods for addition and subtraction using numbers with up to 4 digits.

Many thanks,
☺ Mrs. Whenman and Team ☺

Home Learning

Home learning is a very important part of school life and the children will continue to need **your** support to complete their tasks.

Tasks will be:

- 1) **Reading** - Please read aloud with your child **at least 4 times a week** (every night if possible).
- 2) **Spellings** - On a Friday, your child will be taught a new spelling rule and then given some online spellings using 'Spelling Shed' to practise. These will be tested in school the following Friday.
- 3) **Times tables** - Each week they will be tested on the times table they are learning and the related division facts. They need to practise the times table they are working on using 'Times Table Rockstars'. Children can also use any other times table game or website which they enjoy.
- 4) **Maths** - A Maths game will be sent home once a fortnight linked to what they have been learning in class. Please play the game with your child as often as you can. There is no need to return the game to school. Please also use the MYMATHS website for further maths practice.
- 5) **Topic** - A grid will be sent home of different activities. The children choose **two** of these to complete over the half term. The due dates for each task are at the top of the grid. Please help your child to choose a task that interests them.
Any questions, please email me. Thank you.

During the first half of the Autumn Term our learning in Year 4 will be as follows:

Science: States of Matter - Children will identify solids, liquids and gases. They will experiment with changing states and the factors which affect the rate of change. They will also explore evaporation and condensation and learn about the water cycle.

RE: Why do Christians worship Jesus Christ? Children will read and discuss stories in the Bible that provide evidence that Jesus was the Son of God. They will complete activities based on the evidence given and gather the evidence together to explore Christian beliefs further.

History: What did the Romans do for us? Children will begin learning about the Roman invasion of Britain and the resistance of the Celts. They will research some of the Roman ideas and inventions that were brought to Britain and identify how the Romans have influenced our lives today.

Art: Children will create Roman pots using clay. They will use sketch books to explore and draw design ideas. We will also be learning about the work of Grayson Perry, a modern-day potter.

PE / Games: Monday with Mrs. Whenman and Tuesday with Planet Soccer

Modern Foreign Language: French - Describing members of the family and friends.

Music: Learning to play the P Cornet.

SPAG: Punctuating speech using inverted commas and other punctuation. Use of paragraphs. Using conjunctions to write sentences with more than one clause.

Garnet Class PE

We will be having PE on a **Monday & Tuesday**.

- Please ensure your child comes to school in their P.E kit on these days.
- To be ready for PE please ensure long hair is tied back and earrings are removed.

Please ensure that the children have these items at school with them every day and that **everything is clearly named:**

- A bottle of water
- A **healthy snack** - fresh fruit is best for break
- **NO NUTS please!**
- Their reading book and home-school link book.

Develop a passion for learning and you will
never stop growing!

