



# Garnet Class Newsletter



## Thorpe Church of England Aided Primary School

Autumn Term 1

Faith, Love and Excellence

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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.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email in and I will respond as soon as I can.

Many thanks,

☺ Mrs. Whenman ☺

### 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, the class will be learning times tables using the Number Sense scheme. Please help your child to practise their times tables at home. Children can use any times table game or website which they enjoy.
- 4) **Maths** - Once a week, a Maths task will be set on Maths Shed, linked to what we have been learning in class.
- 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 speak to 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.

**R.E:** What did Jesus say about God's kingdom and why was it good news? Jesus taught that God's Kingdom is the rule of God on earth and that Christians are citizens of that Kingdom. During this unit, children will explore what this might mean, looking at Jesus as ruler of this Kingdom, how it operates and how its citizens - Christians - might live.

**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.

**P.E / Games:** Monday with Mrs. Whenman and Thursday with Planet Soccer

**PSHE:** Diverse Britain - This topic will include learning about democracy, rules and laws, liberty, tolerance and respect.

**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 & Thursday**.

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**
- Their reading book and home-school link book
- A small pencil case with named equipment - pencil, sharpener, rubber, ruler, glue stick, colouring pencils.

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

