



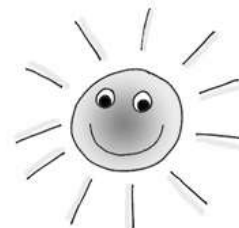
Garnet Class Newsletter

Thorpe Church of England Aided Primary School

Faith, Love and Excellence

Summer Term 1

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Dear Garnet Class, Parents and Carers

Welcome back! I hope that you have all had a fantastic Easter break and are ready for all of the exciting things that are happening in school this half term.

This half term in **English** we will begin by having a grammar week where we will revise some of the year 4 grammar including word classes, prefixes and suffixes, apostrophes for possession and contraction and subordinating clauses. We will then move on to exploring and describing characters. We will add dialogue and use precise word choices to guide the reader's reaction to our character. The children will learn about proof-reading and editing before publishing their work.

In **Maths** we will begin by extending our place value knowledge to decimals, recognising and writing decimal equivalents of any number of tenths or hundreds. The children will learn to recognise decimal equivalents of simple fractions, round decimals and compare them. Then they will use this knowledge to solve simple measure and money problems involving fractions and decimals to 2 decimal places. We will then revise pounds and pence and how to convert between them. Finally, we will work with money using all 4 operations.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to speak to me or send an email.

Many thanks,
Mrs. Whenman

School Values This half term's value is **Trust** (Sum 1). We teach the children about being someone others can trust by being respectful (Aut 1), kind (Aut 2) honest (Spr 1) and responsible (Spr 2). Through these we talk about relationships and the importance of being a good friend and looking out for each other

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

- A pencil case with named equipment
- A bottle of water
- A **healthy snack** - **fresh fruit** is best for break. **NO NUTS please!**
- Wellie Boots to be left at school (for playing on the grass/field)
- Their reading book and home-school link book - **every day**
- Library book on a **Friday**
- Instrument - **every Friday**

Garnet Class PE

We will continue to have PE on a **Monday & Thursday**. Please ensure your child comes to school in their P.E kit on these days with long hair tied back and earrings removed.



Year 4 Learning: Summer 1

Science: Animals including humans, digestion and teeth - Children will learn how the digestive system works and the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans. They will compare this to other mammals. Then they will learn about teeth and identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions. In addition, they will learn about the importance of looking after their teeth.

R.E: Humanism - **How do non-religious people celebrate new life?** Children will explore and understand how welcoming a new life is important for many people, but focusing specifically on Humanism as an example of non-religious worldviews. Children will also draw on their own experiences of milestones and events in their own lives.

Geography: Rivers - The children will use maps and grid references to name and locate rivers in the UK. We will focus on the River Thames and explore the journey and features, investigate how it is used today and was used in the past and compare it with another UK river.

Art - How do artists represent water and the movement of water?

We will study the work of artists such as David Hockney and Monet, who have represented water in their creations. The children will experiment, using a variety of different media to create their own patterns of water.

Computing: Data Handling - Investigating weather.

PSHE and Citizenship - Health and Wellbeing - It's My Body. In this unit of work, children will learn about how to take care of their body. The six lessons explore the choices children can make about looking after their bodies. The lessons look at making safer choices about their bodies, sleep and exercise, diet, cleanliness and substances. Children will learn facts about each of these areas and learn strategies on how to manage them. The important messages of choice and consent run through the unit and children are encouraged to get help from trusted adults when necessary.

Music: Continuing to learn to play the P-Cornet and Baritone.

PE: Athletics/Agility with reaction and response.

Home Learning

This half-term's tasks will be:

- 1) Reading - Please ensure your child is reading at least 4 times a week (every night if possible).
- 2) English - On a Friday your child will be taught a new spelling rule and then given some online spellings using 'Spelling Shed' to learn. These will be tested in school the following Friday. There will also be the occasional grammar activity via 'Spelling Shed' when extra practice is needed.
- 3) Maths - **Times tables** - Children need to practise their times tables using any game or website which they enjoy. Here is a link to the Multiplication Tables Check Simulator so they can practise the Year 4 test: <https://play.edshed.com/en-gb/mtc> There will also be weekly Maths assignments on 'Maths Shed' to revise work covered in class.
- 4) Topic - A grid will be sent home with a variety of activities (also emailed). The children need to choose **two** different activities from the topic grid to complete at home.