



# Garnet Class Newsletter



## Thorpe Church of England Aided Primary School

Autumn Term 2

Faith, Love and Excellence

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Dear Garnet Class and Parents,

Welcome back! I hope that you all enjoyed the half term break. This half term our History topic will focus on the question: 'Was the Anglo-Saxon period really a Dark Age?'

In English we will begin by reading and rewriting the legend 'Beowulf'. The children will have the opportunity to create and write part of a legend which incorporates their own ideas. Next, we will move onto information texts where the children will produce an information piece based on Anglo-Saxon life, researching and exploring aspects such as jobs, clothing, food and homes.

In Maths we will begin with an introduction to area and children will use the strategy of counting squares and half squares inside a shape to find its area. then exploring length and perimeter of shapes. Next, we move onto developing the children's understanding of multiplication and division looking at  $\times$  and  $\div$  by 3, 6 and 9. Then the 7, 11 and 12  $\times$  tables and related division facts. Finally we will revise multiplying by 1 and 0, and dividing a number by 1 and itself.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email in and I will respond as soon as I can. Many thanks,

☺ Mrs Whenman ☺

**Our School Value this half term is Kindness**

During this Half Term our learning in Year 4 will be as follows:

**Science:** Electricity - Children will learn about the uses of electricity in the home. We will make simple circuits including switches and learn about conductors and insulators.

**R.E:** What did God promise to his people? What impact do God's promises have on Christians, the things they promise and their subsequent actions? This topic will give children an understanding of promises made by God to his people in the Old and New Testaments.

**History:** We will start by learning when and why the Anglo-Saxons invaded Britain and where they came from. Children will use maps to explore where they settled and the names they gave to their kingdoms. We will then identify the features of a typical Anglo-Saxon village and compare it with how we live today. We will also explore Anglo-Saxon culture including art, music, jobs and pastimes. Children will learn how religion changed in Britain during this period and how it affected people's lives. Finally, we will complete the topic, by learning about the discovery of Sutton Hoo.

**D.T:** Children will design and make a quiz board about the Anglo-Saxons which uses an electrical system.

**PE:** Games and Gym

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

**Computing:** Online safety and programming: further coding with scratch.

**SPAG:** Fronted adverbials (and use of commas after fronted adverbials). Sentences with more than one clause (conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to express time, place and cause).

**Music:** Continuing learning to play the P Cornet and Baritone.

**Please ensure your child brings their instrument to school every Friday.**

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

- A clear pencil case with named equipment
- A bottle of water
- A **healthy snack - fresh fruit** is best for break. NO NUTS please!
- Coat (weather can be wet and cold)
- Wellie Boots to be left at school (for playing on the grass/field)
- Their reading book and home-school link book.
- Library book on a **Friday** (children will have the opportunity to visit the library and select a book to take home)

### Garnet Class PE

We will continue to have PE on a **Monday & Thursday**.

Please ensure your child comes to school in their **school P.E kit** on these days. Please ensure long hair is tied back and earrings are removed.

### 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) **Maths** - Tasks will be set on 'Maths Shed' each week.
- 4) **Topic**- A grid will be sent home with different activities (emailed and paper copy). Your child should choose **three** 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 tasks that interest them. These projects are extended so that children can explore, investigate and create something incredible!

Any questions please just ask. ☺