

Great Chesterford C. of E. Primary Academy
Class 3 Newsletter
Summer Term 2024

Dear Children and Parents,

Welcome back everyone! I hope that you have all enjoyed a relaxing Easter break and are feeling rested and ready for an exciting and busy term ahead.

Class Topic

Our topic this term is 'Romans – Invaders and Settlers.' Though predominantly a history topic, we will make links to this topic in other curriculum areas as well e.g. exploring Roman mosaics in art, learning about Roman numerals in maths and reading fiction texts with Ancient Rome as a setting. Please see the accompanying topic web for more details of what your child will be learning across the curriculum. We are fortunate that Jayne Greenwood and members of the GC archaeological society are keen to support our topic with an enrichment day; more details to follow (children will not be required to provide a costume). Please do let me know if you are able to support the class in any way this term or if you have any artefacts or experiences linked to the topics covered that would enhance the learning for the pupils.

Staffing

As last term, I will be teaching Class 3 every day, except on Tuesday morning when Mrs Munday will teach the class. Mrs Hitchings will continue to support the class every day.

Homework and Planners

Children in Class 3 will have one maths task and one spelling task to complete each week, which will be set on a Friday, and they are expected to spend up to 20 minutes on each activity. Please encourage your child to take pride in the work that they produce at home and aim high with presentation. Children should put their completed homework in the tray every Wednesday. Daily reading and practise of times tables facts remains a priority and even if your child is a fluent reader, they should still read aloud to an adult for 10 minutes every day and all reading should be recorded in their planner. Every Friday children will be encouraged to prepare their planner for the following week; they will be given notice of upcoming events and any changes to the usual routine and reminded about which times table they should focus on. Please promote your child's independence by regularly asking them about what they need for school and encouraging them to refer to their planner. **Parents must sign and date the planner each week.** Planners will be checked on a Friday but should be in school every day.

What does my child need to remember?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Class 3 Library Time (lunchtime – optional)		Swimming – PE kit on, bring your swimming bag. Deadline for completing / handing in maths homework. Times Tables test	P.E. kit	Weekly maths task will be set. Weekly spelling task will be set. Planner check day
Every day: Reading book, planner, water bottle, coat/sunhat, snack (optional)				
To be kept in school: Recorder, art shirt				

P.E.

PE will usually take place on a **Thursday**. Children should come to school in their P.E. kit and trainers on Thursdays. Information about uniform expectations, including P.E. kit can be found on the school website. Swimming lessons will take place on Wednesday mornings (17th April-3rd July). Detailed information about swimming was sent to parents via email on the 21st of March; please refer to the letter received for full information.

Class Art Book

The class art book will continue to be passed around throughout the summer term. If your child is selected, please encourage them to fill one page of the book with a piece of artwork, a study of a favourite artist or comments about some artwork they have seen. The book should be returned to class promptly in order that your child can share their work and pass the book on.

MIND

Abigail O'Donnell our Educational Mental Health Practitioner from MIND will continue to work in school this term. This will involve her working with groups of children across the school and supporting parents if their child is displaying anxiety or challenging behaviour at home. Parents can approach Mrs Lincoln (SENCO) or myself to find out more about the parenting support.

Dates for your diary:

Parent Consultations: Monday 15th April & Wednesday 17th April

Our Class Collective Worship: Friday 3rd May (9:10 am)

World of Work Week: 10th -14th June

Sports Day: 18th June (reserve 20.6)

Open Afternoon: 12th July

Further dates will be published on the school website and biweekly newsletters.

I am looking forward to an enjoyable term ahead. If you have any queries or you are able to support the school in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Laura White