

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

Dear Children and Parents,

Welcome back everyone! I hope that you have all enjoyed a super Christmas break and are feeling rested and ready for an exciting and busy term ahead. Mrs Hitchings, Mrs Munday and I would like to express our gratitude for the cards, gifts and kind words that we received at the end of the autumn term, it is greatly appreciated.

**Class Topic**

Our topic this term is 'Ancient Maya.' Through this topic, the children will learn about Mayan communication, beliefs and civilization. They will be encouraged to make links to what they have learnt about early Britain during the autumn term. Please see accompanying topic web for more details of what your child will be learning across the curriculum. We will no longer be having a regular show and tell slot, speaking and listening skills will be encouraged in different ways. However, if your child has a book or object of interest that links directly to something that has been taught, they may bring it into school, with the understanding that there will not always be time for them to share with the class.

**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. 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 and use 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
P.E. kit  Class 3 Library Time (lunchtime – optional)		Swimming – PE kit on, bring your swimming bag.  Deadline for completing / handing in maths homework.		Weekly maths task will be set.  Weekly spelling task will be set.  Planner check day
<b>Every day:</b> Reading book, planner, water bottle, coat/sunhat, snack (optional)				
<b>To be kept in school:</b> Recorder, art shirt				

## **P.E.**

PE will usually take place on a **Monday**. Children should come to school in their P.E. kit and trainers on Mondays. Information about uniform expectations, including P.E. kit can be found on the school website. Swimming lessons will take place on Wednesday mornings (starting on 17<sup>th</sup> January). Detailed information about swimming was sent to parents via email on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December; please refer to the letter received for full information.

## **Class Art Book**

You may already be aware that each Key Stage 2 class has a shared art book. The children take it turns to take the art book home and add to the book. 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 you or myself to find out more about the parenting support.

## **Dates for your diary:**

Our Class Collective Worship: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January (9:10 am)

E-safety workshop: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February, the 2Johns will be working with the children to support their learning of e-safety. There will also be a virtual evening workshop for parents on this important topic so please save the date. More details will follow.

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 White