

Great Chesterford C. of E. Primary Academy

Class 4 Newsletter - Summer Term 2024

Dear Parents and Children,

This term our class topic is entitled '**Greece – Ancient and Modern**'. Through this topic, we will be looking at a range of work related to Greece. This will include Ancient Greece, Ancient Greek artwork, Greek cooking and a comparison of weather in Greece and Britain. If you have any photos, postcards or souvenirs from Greece, please send them in so we can display and reference them during our topic work.

Staffing

Staffing arrangements remain the same as previous terms. I shall be teaching every day apart from Wednesday mornings when Mrs Raper will be teaching. Miss Vigo will continue to support the class throughout the week.

P.E.

P.E. will be taking place on Tuesday mornings with Mr Duers and Wednesday mornings with swimming. Children should come to school in their P.E. kits on these days. Please note that hooded tops cannot be worn for P.E. and earrings and watches must be removed for these lessons. Children should wear school shoes every day except on P.E. days. Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled. If your child is unable to participate in a P.E. lesson, please inform me in writing.

Art

Please could your child have a named apron/old shirt available in school for art lessons. This can be stored in their locker.

S.R.E.

This term we will be covering the Sex and Relationship Education unit from our PSHEE curriculum. Should you wish to see the resources used or have any questions regarding the content of these lessons, please speak to me.

Homework

Reading is an important part of homework and research has shown the benefit of all primary school-aged children reading to an adult. Children in Class 4 should read to an adult daily for at least 15 minutes. The adult should record the reading progress and any discussions had about the text in their child's school diary. To promote reading in school, the children will continue with their reading challenge.

In addition to the daily reading, children in Class 4 will have one maths task and one spelling task to complete each week and they are expected to spend up to 20 minutes on each activity. Please encourage your child to take pride in their work at home and to aim high with their presentation. **Parents must sign and date the planner each week.**

Fluency in times-table and related division facts is essential for maths development. Regular practice on apps such as TTRockStars will support with this.

Multiplication Tables Check

The children will continue to work on learning their times tables using a variety of methods this term. Children in Year 4 will participate in the Multiplication Tables Check; this short online task will be completed during a two-week window in June. The purpose of the check is to determine whether pupils can fluently recall their times tables up to and including 12x12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. Further information for parents can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents>

Dates for your diary

The Class 4 assembly will be on **Friday 10th May 2024**.

Tuesday 18th June – Sports Day

Thursday 11th July – Greek Day

Friday 12th July – Open Afternoon

Please keep an eye on Mrs Sargeant's fortnightly newsletters for further dates for the term.

The Class 4 team are looking forward to another busy, enjoyable and, hopefully, sunny term ahead. Please make sure your child comes to school each day with a named water bottle so that they can stay hydrated. They also need long-lasting sun cream; a sun hat and a waterproof jacket depending on the forecast.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Butler