

**Great Chesterford C.E. Primary Academy**  
**Class 5 Newsletter**  
**Spring Term 2024**

January 2024

Dear Children and Parents,

Welcome back and a 'Happy New Year' to everyone. Thank you very much for the lovely Christmas cards and gifts - they were greatly appreciated. We hope you all had an enjoyable and restful Christmas holiday. We are very much looking forward to a busy and productive spring term.

This term's topic is 'Ancient Egyptians'. We will be learning about aspects of Ancient Egypt through history and artwork. Sharing of any resources or expertise you may have on this subject would, as always, be gratefully appreciated.

On Tuesday 13th 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.

**P.E./Games**

**In a change to last term**, P.E. lessons will take place on **Monday and Wednesday**. Children are requested to come to school wearing their P.E. kit on these days. For safety reasons, jewellery and watches/fitbits should not be worn, and earrings must be removed. Navy blue skins or tracksuit bottoms may be worn as required. Most lessons will be outside; however, when PE is taught inside children should wear clean trainers, plimsols or bare feet.

**Art / DT**

Please make sure that a named overall/old shirt is available to be worn for art and DT lessons. This is essential to ensure that the full range of artistic mediums is accessible to all.

**Homework**

Children in Class 5 are expected to do at least **15 minutes reading daily** and to keep a record of this in the home pages of their homework diaries. In addition to daily reading, the children in Class 5 will be set a short literacy and numeracy task each week intended to reinforce topics covered in class lessons. Written answers or jottings should be recorded in the Homework Book or on any worksheets provided; please encourage your children to stick these in. This homework should take approximately **25 minutes** to complete. If a task is taking significantly longer, please encourage your child to stop and inform the teacher when the work is handed in. The planner is used to record the homework tasks and relevant comments and deadlines. Parents are invited to make comments in these diaries.

To encourage independence, it would be useful if children could bring a small pencil case with a few basic items such as a pencil, ruler and a rubber. Pencil cases may be kept in the classroom in the children's trays.

**Dates for your diary**

**Parents Evening – 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> February**

**2Johns – 13<sup>th</sup> February**

**Class Worship - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

A copy of the topic overview is provided with this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further information. We look forward to a busy and productive term ahead.

Kind regards,

**Mrs C Witney and Mrs A Raper**