

**GREAT CHESTERFORD CE PRIMARY ACADEMY**  
**Class 5 Newsletter**  
**Autumn Term 2023**

Dear Children and Parents

Welcome back and we hope you all had an enjoyable and restful summer holiday. We are both very much looking forward to working with this year's Class 5. **Mrs Witney** will be teaching the class on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and **Mrs Raper** on Thursday and Friday and alternate Wednesday afternoons. Mrs Chambers will be the teaching assistant in Class 5 this term.

This term, our topic is "Space Invaders". We shall be learning about the Sun, Earth and Moon including the science of the seasons, day and night, the solar system and space travel past and present. Alongside this scientific focus, we will be studying the Anglo-Saxons in history, mountains in geography, and tone and collage in art. If you can help by providing information or artefacts on any area of the curriculum, we would be pleased to hear from you. A full topic web accompanies this letter with the details of what we will be teaching in each subject area. This term's Year 5 class worship will be on **Friday 8th December**.

**P.E./Games**

P.E. lessons will take place on Monday and Tuesday. **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 but no hooded tops. Most lessons will be outside. 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 planners. The children in Class 5 will be set a short **English and Maths** task each week intended to reinforce topics covered in class lessons and they are expected to practise times tables daily. 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. Parents are invited to make comments in these planners and initial them each week. 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. The school will provide each child with a handwriting pen to start the year. Children may then provide their own pens, but these must be a blue ink fibre tipped pen - no biros thank you. Pencil cases may be kept in the classroom in the children's trays.

**Spirit of Christmas Saturday 2nd December**

We are really looking forward to taking part in this wonderfully festive event with Year 6 so save the date in your diaries.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further information. There will be an opportunity to come into the classroom to meet us and find out more about Class 5 after school on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September** at 4.30pm. We are looking forward to a busy and productive term ahead.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs C Witney and Mrs A Raper