

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

April 2024

Dear Children and Parents,

We hope you all had an enjoyable and restful Easter holiday. We are very much looking forward to a busy and productive summer term. Staffing for this term is unchanged: Mrs Witney will continue teaching the class on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Raper on Thursday, Fridays, and alternate Wednesday afternoons. Mrs Chambers is our teaching assistant.

This term, our topic is "The Tudors". We will be exploring this fascinating period in British history through many areas of the curriculum including music, art, and D.T. We have an exciting class trip planned to the Tudor reconstruction at Kentwell Hall – details to follow. If you can help by providing information, artefacts or expertise 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.

P.E./Games

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, hooded tops, 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; when PE is taught inside children should wear clean trainers, plimsols or bare feet. When the weather improves, a hat/cap is a good idea in PE lessons. All children with long hair should have it tied back when in school. On non-PE days, school shoes should be worn.

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. In addition to daily reading, the children in Class 5 will be set a short literacy task (which may include spellings) and a 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. 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 children should make use of their planner to record the homework tasks and relevant comments and deadlines. Parents are invited to make comments in these planners.

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

- **Class Collective Worship** - Friday 21st June
- **Kentwell Hall visit** – Wednesday 26th June
- **Bikeability** – dates will be sent out separately.
- **UKS2 Production** – 9th and 10^h July

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