

Great Chesterford C of E Primary Academy

Class 4 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2024

September 2024

Dear Children and Parents,

Welcome to Year 4 - I hope you all managed to enjoy the summer holidays and have fun with friends and family. I will be teaching the class all week apart from on a Thursday morning when Mrs Munday will be teaching. Miss Vigo and Mrs Campbell will be the teaching assistants in Class 4 this term.

This term, our topic is 'Our Changing World'. We shall be learning about volcanoes, earthquakes and plate tectonics and how these activities have changed the world. Alongside this geographical focus, we will be studying the Victorians in history and the effect this era had on our world as well as looking at electricity in Science and creating Christmas cards with an electrical circuit in DT. If you can help by providing information or artefacts on any area of the curriculum, I would be pleased to hear from you. A full topic web accompanies this letter with the details of what will be taught in each subject area.

P.E/Games

P.E. will take place on Friday afternoons with swimming on Wednesday mornings. Please ensure your child comes to school in their P.E. kits on these days. P.E. kit is a school navy sports top, school navy shorts or a school skirt together with plimsolls and trainers. For indoor P.E. sessions, children will need plimsolls, clean trainers or to go barefoot. Children can wear white sports socks or the optional school sports socks for P.E. During the winter months, navy skins or a school tracksuit jacket may be worn (no hoods on tops). Swimming costumes need to be worn under P.E. kits and full details are provided on the separate swimming letter. Jewellery, including earrings, and watches/fitbits must be removed for P.E. and swimming lessons. If your child is unable to participate in a P.E. or swimming lessons, please inform me in writing.

Art

Please could the children have a named art apron/old shirt available in school for art lessons.

Music

All children will need their own descant recorder for our music lessons this term. The recorder can stay in school in their tray. Recorders will then be used for the rest of the year on an occasional basis.

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.

Please provide a plastic wallet for your child to transport their homework to and from school.

Dates for your diary

There will be 'Meet the Teacher' information evening at **4.30pm on Wednesday 11th September**.

The Harvest Festival will be on **Friday 20th September**, further details to follow.

Our class assembly will be on **Friday 11th October**. I hope you will be able to join us in school for our worship. More information to follow.

I am looking forward to an enjoyable year ahead. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Butler