

**Great Chesterford C. of E. Primary Academy**  
**Class 3 Newsletter**  
**Autumn Term 2023**

Dear Children and Parents,

Welcome to Class 3. I hope you have all enjoyed the summer break and are ready for an exciting term ahead. I appreciate that some children and parents may be feeling apprehensive about the return to school following the summer break and the transition to Key Stage 2. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any support for you or your child this term, or to update me of any changes/issues that may affect your child in school.

**Class Topic**

Our topic this term is 'Class 3 Rocks!' This topic focuses on life in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age and will incorporate the scientific study of rocks and soils. Links will be made to this topic in other curriculum areas where appropriate; please see accompanying topic web for more details of what your child will be learning. A 'Stone Age Survival Day' will be arranged to Flag Fen, Peterborough, more information will follow closer to the time.

**Staffing**

I will be teaching Class 3 every day, except on Tuesday morning when Mrs Munday will teach the class. Mrs Hitchings will be the teaching assistant working with Year 3 this year.

**P.E.**

PE will usually take place on a Monday. Children should come to school in their P.E. kit and trainers on Mondays. Information about uniform expectations, including P.E. kit can be found on the school website. Swimming lessons will take place on Wednesday mornings (starting on 13th September). Detailed information about swimming was sent to parents via email at the end of the summer term; please refer to the letter received for full information.

**Art and D.T.**

Please could children bring into school a named overall/old shirt to protect their clothes during art lessons and creative activities. Art shirts can be left in school in the children's lockers.

**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**

Children in Class 3 will have one maths task to complete each week, which will be set on a Friday, and they are expected to spend up to 20 minutes on this. Maths homework will be collected in on a Wednesday. Fluency in times-table and related division facts is essential for maths development and children are expected to practise these each day at home to build on their previous learning. TTRockStars is a super resource for children to practise their times tables. Please see the planner for login details.

Reading remains a priority and even if your child is a fluent reader, they should still read aloud to an adult and listen to texts being read aloud regularly as research has shown the benefit of primary school-aged children reading to an adult. Children in Class 3 should read to an adult for around 10 minutes each day. All reading should be recorded in your child's planner; parents must sign and date the planner each week. Planners will be checked on a Friday but should be in school every day. Children will also have a spelling task to complete each week.

Please help your child to establish a consistent homework routine and support them when completing their homework.

**What does my child need to remember?**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
P.E. kit	Class 3 Library Time (lunchtime – optional)	Swimming – PE kit on, bring your swimming bag.  Deadline for completing / handing in maths homework.		Weekly maths task will be set.  Weekly spelling task will be set.  Planner check day  Recorder
<b>Every day:</b> Reading book, planner, water bottle, raincoat/sunhat, snack (optional)				

**Dates for your diary:**

Meet the Teacher: You are warmly invited to join me for a ‘Meet the Teacher’ meeting on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 4pm. This meeting will be held in Class 3 and is an opportunity for me to introduce myself and explain the routines and expectations as well as answer any questions you may have about the year ahead.

Harvest Service: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Our Class Collective Worship: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September (9:10 am)

Further dates will be published on the school website and weekly newsletters.

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

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs White