

GREAT CHESTERFORD CE PRIMARY ACADEMY

Class 5 Newsletter - Autumn Term 2025

Dear Children and Parents

Welcome back and I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful summer holiday. I am very much looking forward to working with this year's Class 5. I will be teaching the class all week, assisted by Mrs Munday on a Thursday afternoon. Miss Colgan and Mrs Campbell will be the teaching assistants 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 using a variety of media to create tone, tints and shade in Art. 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. This term's Year 5 class worship will be on **Friday 21st November**.

P.E./Games

P.E. lessons will take place on Wednesday and Thursday. **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 at home. If a child is unable to have their earrings removed, I will need a parental letter stating that they take full responsibility should injury occur. 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 media is accessible to all.

Homework

Children in Class 5 are expected to do at least **15 minutes reading daily**. They need to record this in the home pages of their planners and parents should sign this each week. The children will be set a short task each week **English** (Monday) **and Maths** (Thursday) to be marked in class the same day the following week. Homework is intended to reinforce topics covered in class lessons. Written answers or jottings should be neatly recorded in the Homework Book or on any worksheets provided. 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. In addition, children will be given weekly spellings and times tables to learn which they will be expected to practise daily for a testing on Friday.

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 biro's thank you. Pencil cases may be kept in the classroom in the children's trays.

Spirit of Christmas Saturday 6th December 2024

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

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information. There will be an opportunity to come into the classroom to find out more about Class 5 after school on **Wednesday 10th September** at 4.30-5pm. I am looking forward to a busy and productive term ahead.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs A Raper, Class Teacher