

Great Chesterford C of E Primary Academy

Class 4 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2023

September 2023

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. This term our class topic is 'Our Changing World' and we will incorporate this theme through a wide variety of activities. If parents can help in any way by providing information or resources, I would be very pleased to hear from you.

I will be teaching the class every day, except on Wednesday mornings when Mrs Raper will teach the class. Miss Vigo will support the class throughout the week.

P.E./Games

P.E. will take place on Tuesday 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

Children in Class 4 will have one maths task to complete each week and they are expected to spend up to 20 minutes on this. 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.

Reading continues to be an important part of homework and research has shown the benefit of 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. If children are not reading to an adult regularly, alternative reading tasks will be set. In addition, your child will also have a spelling activity each week.

Dates for your diary

There will be 'Meet the Teacher' information evening at **4.30pm on Wednesday 13th September**.

The Harvest Festival will be on **Friday 22nd September**, further details to follow.

Our class assembly will be on **Friday 29th September**. 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