

Great Chesterford C. of E. Primary Academy
Class 3 Newsletter
Spring Term 2025

Dear Children and Parents,

Welcome back everyone! I hope that you have all enjoyed a super Christmas break and are feeling rested and ready for an exciting and busy term ahead. Mrs Chambers, Mrs Clark, Mrs Mosely, Mrs Munday and I would like to express our gratitude for the cards, gifts and kind words that we received at the end of the autumn term, it is greatly appreciated.

Class Topic

Our topic this term is 'Ancient Maya.' Through this topic the children will learn about Maya communication, beliefs and civilization. They will be encouraged to make links to what they have learnt about early Britain during the autumn term. The topic will be enriched by a visit from Widget Workshops on the 23rd January. Please see accompanying topic web for more details of what your child will be learning across the curriculum. If your child has a book or object of interest that links directly to our topic or something that has been taught, they may bring it into school, with the understanding that there will not always be time for them to share with the class.

Staffing

As last term, I will be teaching Class 3 every day, except on Tuesday morning when Mrs Munday will teach the class. Mrs Chambers and Mrs Mosely are the teaching assistants in Class 3. Mrs Mosely will be in class on Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Chambers will be in on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Homework and Planners

As last term, children in Class 3 will have one maths task and spelling homework each week. Homework will be set on Fridays and due the following Friday. Maths will usually be a sheet or online activity, weekly spellings will be stuck into planners and there may be an additional worksheet or online activity to support learning of the spellings/spelling pattern. On Fridays, completed homework will be collected and children will have a spelling and times table test. Daily reading remains a priority and even if your child is a fluent reader, they should still read aloud to an adult for 10 minutes every day. All reading should be recorded in their planner. Every Friday children will prepare their planner for the following week, they will be given notice of upcoming events and any changes to the usual routine and reminded about which times table they should focus on. Please promote your child's independence by regularly asking them about what they need for school and encouraging them to refer to their planner. Parents must sign and date the planner each week. Planners will usually be checked on a Friday but should be in school every day.

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.		Completed homework due in Times tables and spelling test. Weekly homework tasks set. Planner set up/ check day
Every day: Reading book, planner, water bottle, coat, snack (optional)				
To be kept in school: Recorder, art shirt				

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 8th January). Detailed information about swimming was sent to parents via email on the 28th November; please refer to the letter received for full information.

Class Art Book

You may already be aware that each Key Stage 2 class has a shared art book. The children take it turns to take the art book home and add to the book. If your child is selected, please encourage them to fill one page of the book with a piece of artwork, a study of a favourite artist or comments about some artwork they have seen. The book should be returned to class promptly in order that your child can share their work and pass the book on.

Dates for your diary:

Our Class Collective Worship: Friday 24th January (9:10 am)

Maya workshop: Thursday 23rd January, please see letter sent 6th January for more information.

Parent consultations: 4th February (5pm-7.30pm) and 5th February (3.45pm-6.15)

Year 3/4 performance: 2nd and 3rd April

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

I am looking forward to an enjoyable term ahead. If you have any queries or you are able to support the school in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs White