

Great Chesterford C E Primary Academy  
Class 1 Newsletter  
Autumn Term 2019

Dear Children, Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Class One and what promises to be a busy and exciting term. Thank you for supporting your child over the summer to create their 'All about Me Bag'; we have enjoyed sharing them and learning more about each individual child. Throughout the year I will endeavour to plan activities that engage and inspire the pupils in Class One, using their interests and prior knowledge as a starting point, the bags have provided a platform for that and helped me to form a relationship with them. I look forward to getting to know your child better as the year progresses. Our topic this term is toys which I am sure will be popular amongst the children. Some curriculum subjects will be taught through this theme and we hope to have lots of creative fun whilst the children continue their academic journey. The subjects covered in the theme are in line with the Primary National Curriculum and can be seen in the accompanying topic web. If any parents, carers or grandparents can help to enrich our topic in any way by providing information or resources then I would be very pleased to hear from you. In particular, if you have any old or interesting toys that could be used to form part of a class display this would be greatly appreciated.

### Staffing and support in Class One

I will be teaching Class One every day, except on Tuesday mornings when Mrs Barden will teach the class. Mrs Brown and Miss Gregory will be working alongside us every day in Class One. Mrs Middleton will continue to teach music on a weekly basis so there will be lots of familiar faces for your children this year!

### P.E/Active learning

PE will usually take place on a Thursday and Friday. Children should have in school a white T-shirt, navy shorts and plimsolls which should be stored in school in a named drawstring P.E bag, all items of school uniform must be **clearly named**. Children may also wish to have available trainers, navy or black tracksuit trousers and jumper (without hood) as we shall be going outside for games lessons throughout autumn and winter. Please try to promote your child's independence by encouraging them to dress and undress themselves. In addition to our timetabled PE lessons, Class One will take regular breaks for physical activity and enjoy active lessons in the classroom. We endeavour to complete a 'Golden Mile' as a class every day on the playground, more information about the benefits of this can be found by visiting <http://thedailymile.co.uk/> We will also use the school nature space in all weathers so please ensure that your child has appropriate outdoor clothing to protect them from the elements when learning outside.

### Homework

In Class 1, children are expected to do approximately 10 minutes of homework per night. Reading regularly to an adult is an essential part of their homework. Reading books will normally be changed on a **Monday, Wednesday and Friday**. When your child has finished reading their book, please could you write the title and the date in their reading record book. Please feel free to comment on your child's enjoyment and engagement with their reading books. As your child begins to tackle longer and more challenging texts, we appreciate that it may take your child more than a few days to read and discuss their book. On Fridays, the children will be given their Maths Log which will need to be handed in on Thursday every week. Maths Logs are designed to offer your child a creative and flexible approach to their learning at home. I hope that you and your child will enjoy completing the tasks each week.

Please note; whilst reading records and Maths Logs will be looked at on a regular basis, homework may not always be formally marked by a teacher or teaching assistant. It will sometimes be more appropriate to check children's understanding through discussion or use work started at home as a basis for continued work in the classroom.

Class	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading	Maths Log

### Collective Worship and Key Dates:

Meet the Teacher: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 3.30pm

Whole School Harvest Service: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September

Our class collective worship this term will be on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October

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

Kind regards,  
Mrs L White