

Great Chesterford C E Primary Academy
Class 3 Newsletter
Autumn Term 2025

Dear Children and Parents,

Welcome to Class Three, 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 Two. 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 Three 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 'Learn and Perform Day' has been arranged with Altru Education on Tuesday 4th November, this is an in-school enrichment activity but does involve a performance to parents in the afternoon so please keep the afternoon free if you are able to. More information, including cost, will follow closer to the time.

Staffing

I will be teaching Class Three every day, except on Tuesday am when Mrs Munday will teach the class. Mrs Robson and Miss Hitchings will provide additional classroom support throughout the week.

P.E.

P.E. 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 10th 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 and ensure you have given permission via Arbor. If children have pierced ears, earrings must be removed at home on PE days. If earrings cannot be removed, parents must write a letter to school accepting full responsibility for any injuries or damage.

Equipment required

Please could children bring into school a named overall/old shirt to protect their clothes during art lessons and creative activities. If possible, please can children also be provided with a large white shirt or t-shirt to use as a resource during science lessons. Art and science shirts can be left in school in the children's lockers. Children will learn to play the recorder this year, please provide a descant recorder to be kept in school. All items, including uniform, should be named to ensure they can be returned to the owner if misplaced.

Homework

In Year Three children are expected to: read aloud to an adult every day, practise their times tables every day and complete one weekly maths and spelling task. Please help your child to establish a consistent homework routine and support them when completing their homework.

Even if your child is a fluent reader, they should still read aloud to an adult for 10 minutes each day and listen to texts being read aloud regularly as this benefits them in many ways. All reading should be recorded in your child's planner. Please could all parents sign and date the planner each week - these will be checked on a Friday but should be in school every day.

Children will be set a weekly written, or online, maths task each Friday. This will usually be related to what is being taught in maths lessons that week; maths tasks should take approximately 20 minutes. Additionally, children will be set a spelling activity on a weekly basis via their school planner. This may be learning a given list of spellings or completing work based on a spelling pattern/rule. Children are expected to practise times tables daily. Fluency in times tables and related division facts is essential

for maths development. Regular practise on apps such as TT Rock Stars will support with this. Please see the planner for login details.

Spellings and times tables will be tested in school on a weekly basis.

What does my child need to remember?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
P.E. kit		Swimming – P.E. kit on, bring your swimming bag.		Times Table Test Spelling Test Deadline for completing/handing in homework. Weekly homework will be set. Planner check day Descant recorder needed in school.
Every day: Reading book and planner, water bottle, raincoat/sunhat, snack (optional)				

Class Collective Worship and Key Dates:

Meet the Teacher: You are warmly invited to join me for a 'Meet the Teacher' meeting on Wednesday 10th September at 4pm. This meeting will be held in Class Three and is an opportunity for me to explain the routines and expectations of Year Three as well as answer any questions you may have about the year ahead.

Harvest Service: Friday 24th October

Class Trip (in school): Tuesday 4th November

Our Class Collective Worship: Friday 12th September (9:10 am).

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

Kind regards,
Mrs White