

Great Chesterford C of E Primary Academy
Class 4 Newsletter

Summer Term 2026

April 2026

Dear Children and Parents,

Welcome back, I hope you all had a lovely Easter break. I am certainly looking forward to seeing a bit more sunshine this term! I will be teaching Class 4 every day except Thursday mornings, when the children will have Mrs Munday. We are also fortunate to continue to have the support of Mrs Cambell and Ms Hinds.

This term, our topic is 'Greeks – Ancient and Modern'. Through this topic we will be looking at a range of work related to Greece. This will include understanding the history of the Ancient Greece and Ancient Greek artwork. If you have any photos, postcards or souvenirs from Greece, please send them in so we can create a small display. A full topic web accompanies this letter with the details of what will be taught in each subject area.

P.E/Games

We will be continuing with swimming on Wednesday mornings, and our in-school P.E. lessons will continue to be on Thursdays, with the lessons being rapid fire cricket before half term, and OAA (Outdoor and Adventurous) after. The latter unit gives children the opportunity to explore a wide range of teamwork and orientation skills. Please ensure your child comes to school in their P.E. kit on these days. Swimming costumes need to be worn under P.E. kits on swimming days, and full details are provided on the separate swimming letter. Earrings must be removed at home on P.E. days, as this is not something we are able to do in school. If it is not possible to remove earrings, we must have your written consent that school are not liable for any incidents relating to wearing this item of jewellery. Any watches/Fitbits must also be removed for P.E. and swimming lessons. If your child is unable to participate in a P.E. or swimming lesson, please inform the office in writing.

Art

Please could the children have a named art apron/old shirt available in school for art lessons. We will be painting again this term, so this will be especially important!

SRE

This term we will be covering the Sex and Relationship Education unit from our PSHE curriculum. Mrs Davies is hosting a PSHE parents meeting on the afternoon of **Tuesday 21st April** should you wish to learn more about what is to be covered. The resources to be used in lessons will also be available to view at this time.

Homework

Reading is an important part of homework and research has shown the benefit of all 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. To promote reading in school, the children will be able to participate the reading challenge, earning points for finishing books and completing tasks related to the books they have read.

In addition to daily reading, children in Class 4 will have one maths task and a list of spellings to practise at home each week, and they are expected to spend up to 20 minutes on each activity. Please encourage your child to take pride in their work at home and to aim high with their presentation.

Fluency in times-table and related division facts is essential for maths development. Regular practice on apps such as TTRockStars will support with this. This is especially important in light of the Multiplication Tables Check in June. Please encourage and support children to practise their times tables as often as possible – the more frequently the better!

Children will be sent home with a list of spellings to practice on a Friday, and a test on these spellings will take place in school on the following Friday.

Please provide a plastic wallet for your child to transport their homework to and from school.

Multiplication Tables Check

The children will continue to work on learning their times tables using a variety of methods this term. Children in Class 4 will participate in the Multiplication Tables Check; this short online task will be completed during a two-week window in June. The purpose of the check is to determine whether pupils can fluently recall their times tables up to and including 12x12, which is essential for future success in mathematics.

Further information for parents can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents>

Dates for your diary

Our class assembly will be on **Friday 24th April at 9:10am**. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sports Day and will be held on **Friday 22nd May**.

We will be taking a trip to Chesterford Research Park on **Tuesday 2nd of June**. More details will follow in due course.

A copy of the topic overview is provided alongside this letter. It's going to be a busy and exciting final term!

Yours sincerely,
Miss Hoare