

# Great Chesterford C E Primary Academy

Class 4 Newsletter  
Spring Term 2025

Dear Children and Parents

Welcome back and a happy new year to you all! I hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas break. I know the children are all looking forward to our residential to Burwell House on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> February.

This term our class topic is entitled '**Water, Water Everywhere**'. Through this topic, we will be covering a range of subjects, including: rivers, the water cycle and the Vikings. If parents can help in any way by providing information or resources, I would be pleased to hear from you.

There has been a change to staffing this term. I will be teaching Class 4 every day, except on Thursday morning, when Mrs Munday will teach. Miss Colgan and Mrs Campbell will now be supporting the class.

## **P.E./Games**

P.E. will take place on a Friday afternoon and Swimming on a Wednesday morning; Children are requested to come to school wearing their P.E. kit on these days. For safety reasons, jewellery and watches should not be worn, and earrings must be removed. Long hair should also be tied up. Navy blue skins or tracksuit bottoms may be worn as required. Full details of the PE kit are listed on the school website. If your child is unable to participate in a PE lesson, please inform the school in writing.

## **Art**

Please could the children have a named art apron/old shirt available in school for art lessons.

## **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 with times tables and the related division facts are essential for maths development and children are expected to practise these each day to build on their previous learning. This year, Year 4 will have to complete a statutory times table check in the summer term. If your child uses TTRockStars regularly to practise, this will support them with the completion of this check. In addition to maths, they will also be given a spelling related task, this may be some spellings to learn or a worksheet to complete.

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, additional tasks will be set to be completed in the child's own time.

Planners will be checked weekly. We encourage the children to make sure planners are always signed.

## **Dates for your diary**

Our class assembly will be on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February**. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Parent Consultations are **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February**.

Parent drop ins will be on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March**.

The Years 3 and 4 Production will be on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**.

Further details of the events will be sent nearer the time or included in the fortnightly school newsletters.

A copy of the topic overview is provided with this letter. We are looking forward to a busy and enjoyable term ahead. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs D Butler