

**Great Chesterford C. of E. Primary Academy**  
**Class 3 Newsletter**  
**Spring Term 2026**

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 Robson, Miss Hitchings, 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. It is hoped that the topic will be enriched by a visit from Widget Workshops at some point during the term. More information about this proposed activity, including cost, will follow in due course. Please see the 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.

Following our recent 'Idea's Den' initiative, a trip to Hertfordshire Zoo has also been arranged for Class Three. This promises to be an exciting day out and will help to prepare and engage children ahead of their summer term geography, which focuses on rainforests and conservation. A detailed trip letter will be shared soon.

**Staffing**

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

**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?**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
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
<b>Every day:</b> Reading book, planner, water bottle, coat, snack (optional)				
<b>To be kept in school:</b> 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. 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 16<sup>th</sup> January (9:10 am)

French Day: Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January

Parent consultations: 27<sup>th</sup> January and 28<sup>th</sup> January

Class Trip to Hertfordshire Zoo: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Year 3/4 performance: 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March

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

I am looking forward to a busy and enjoyable term ahead. If you have any queries or are able to support the school in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me. I would be particularly grateful to hear from parents that hold a DBS certificate and would be keen to volunteer to support our class trip later this term or those able help with costumes and make up for our school production.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs White