

**Great Chesterford C.E. Primary Academy**  
**Class 5 Newsletter**  
**Spring Term 2019**

Dear Children and Parents,

Welcome back and a 'Happy New Year' to everyone! Thank you very much for all our lovely Christmas cards and gifts - they were greatly appreciated. We are looking forward to working with the class this term. Mrs Witney will continue to teach the class on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Mrs Barden on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Chambers is our teaching assistant in Class 5.

This term's topic is 'Ancient Egyptians'. We will be learning about aspects of modern Egypt and the Ancient Egyptians through topic and art work. If parents can help in any way by providing information or artefacts such as holiday souvenirs, photographs, etc we would be really pleased to hear from you. **Our class trip will be taking place on-site this term and will be led by *History off the Page* on Tuesday 19th March.** This should be a fun and exciting day of topic related activities which will include: role-play and drama and practical hands-on artefact work, culminating in an Egyptian feast. The children will need to come in costume – details to follow. Please see the class topic web for further curriculum details. **Please note that Class Five's assembly this term will take place on Friday 15th March.**

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

P.E. lessons will usually take place on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. For indoor sessions, children should have: a school PE T-shirt, school navy shorts or skirt and plimsolls, which they should keep in their box in a named P.E. bag. For outside games lessons, which will usually be on the school field, trainers and a spare pair of socks are essential and navy skins or school tracksuits should be worn in cold weather. Please could a plastic bag be provided to keep dirty and wet trainers separate from clothes. For safety reasons, jewellery should not be worn, and earrings must be removed.

#### **Art / DT**

**Please make sure that a named overall/old shirt is available to be worn for art and DT lessons. This is essential to ensure that the full range of artistic mediums is accessible to all.**

#### **Homework**

Children in Class 5 are expected to do approximately **15 minutes reading daily** and to keep a record of this in their homework diaries. In addition to daily reading, the children in Class 5 will be set a short literacy and numeracy task each week intended to reinforce topics covered in class lessons. Some of these tasks will be set online. Written answers or jottings should be recorded in the home-school notebook or on any worksheets provided; please ensure these are stuck in.

The children will also be provided with a homework diary to record the homework tasks and relevant comments and deadlines. Parents are invited to make comments in these diaries. In Years 5 and 6 we encourage the children to become increasingly independent and one suggestion is that children provide their own pencil, ruler and rubber for school in a small pencil case.

A copy of the topic overview is provided on the back of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further information. We look forward to a busy and productive term ahead.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs C Witney and Mrs C Barden**

**Dates for your diaries:**

**Egyptian Day Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

**Class assembly Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**