

GREAT CHESTERFORD CE PRIMARY ACADEMY

Class 5 Newsletter Autumn Term 2018

Dear Children and Parents

Welcome back and we hope you all had an enjoyable and restful summer holiday. We are both looking forward to working with the class again. Mrs Witney will be teaching the class on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Barden on Thursday and Friday. Mrs Chambers is the teaching assistant in Class 5.

This term our topic is "Space Invaders". We shall be learning about the Sun, Earth and Moon including the science of the seasons, day and night; the solar system and space travel past and present. Alongside this scientific focus we will be studying the Anglo-Saxons through a range of subjects, including: history, geography and art. If you are able to help by providing information or artefacts, we would be pleased to hear from you. We have arranged a class visit to the Anglo-Saxon village at West Stow on **Monday 24th September** – further details will follow very shortly. This term's class assembly will take place on **Friday 14th December**. Class 5 will also be representing the school, with Class 6, at the annual **Spirit of Christmas** concert in St Mary's Church Saffron Walden on **Saturday 8th December**. Please put the date in your diaries as this is a wonderful community event which we hope every child in the class will be able to attend.

P.E./Games

P.E. lessons will usually take place on Monday and Wednesday. For indoor sessions children should have a school PE T-shirt, school navy shorts or skort and plimsolls, which they should keep in their locker in a named P.E. bag. For outside games lessons trainers are needed and navy skins or school tracksuits may be worn in cold weather. It is also a good idea to have a spare pair of socks. For safety reasons, jewellery should not be worn, and earrings must be removed. **Please make sure that all PE kit is named.**

Art/DT

Please make sure that a named overall/old shirt is available to be worn for art and DT lessons.

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 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 on their child's progress with any aspect of homework, including reading. In Years 5 and 6 we encourage the children to become more independent and one requirement is that children provide their own pencil, ruler and eraser for school. A normal week of homework will look like this:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reading 15 mins English 25 mins	Reading 15 mins	Reading 15 mins Times Tables	Reading 15 mins	Reading 15 mins Maths 25 mins

A copy of the topic overview is provided accompanying this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further information. We look forward to an enjoyable term ahead and hope to see many of you at the **Meet the Teachers Meeting on Tuesday 11th September at 4.30 p.m.** where we will be available to answer any questions.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs C Witney and Mrs C Barden