

Great Chesterford C. of E. Primary Academy
Class 2 Newsletter – Summer Term 2022

Dear Parents and Children,

We hope you all had a restful Easter break in the sunshine. We are very much looking forward to this term and have some exciting things planned. Our topic this term will be 'At the Seaside'. The children will be looking at seaside holidays in the past and comparing them with seaside holidays today. They will be looking at UK coastal localities and comparing habitats in our local environment with those found at the seaside. In addition to this, the children will also learn about Grace Darling. Mrs Middleton will continue to lead the class music lessons and these will be on a Wednesday. For further information about what the children will be covering this term, please see the topic web attached.

This term, PE will take place on Tuesdays and Fridays; please could you make sure that the children wear their PE clothes in school on these days. For safety reasons, jewellery and hooded sweatshirts should not be worn. As the weather gets warmer, please ensure your child also has a sun hat and water bottle in school with them every day.

Reading - Reading remains an incredibly important part of your child's homework. They should read for approximately 10-15 minutes every day, and this should be recorded in their orange home-school book. The time spent reading can include comprehension questions and discussion about the text itself. Lots of our school reading books have some suggested questions and topics for discussion inside the cover to provide you with some guidance. There are also some suggested questions on the class page of the school website. Time will be set aside for changing books on a Monday and Thursday. If your child has not finished their book by these days, please could you record the page they have got up to in the orange home-school book. If your child is reading a book from home, then please also record this in the orange book so that we know they are being heard to read regularly.

Homework - It is an expectation that all children will complete the weekly homework tasks. In addition to reading, a short maths task will be set on a Monday and will need to be handed in on the following Monday. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you need further guidance / support with homework.

SATs – During May, the children will complete their SATS assessments. These will be very low-key and are a helpful tool to support teacher assessment. This year, the children have had lots of opportunities to practise answering these types of questions so it will not be anything new for them. For further information, please use the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-1-and-2-national-curriculum-tests-information-for-parents> If additional information is added, we will send out an updated link.

Junk Materials – During the second half of this term, we will be using some junk materials in our DT lessons. In particular, please save and send in any shoe boxes or cereal boxes by half term. In line with our school policy, please ensure any food packaging sent into school is nut and sesame-free.

Our class assembly this term will be on Friday 27th May.

Please do not hesitate to speak to us if you require any further information. We look forward to a hardworking but enjoyable term ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Lincoln