

**Great Chesterford C of E Primary Academy**  
**Class 1 Newsletter**  
**Summer Term 2019**

Dear Children and Parents,

I hope you all enjoyed the Easter break and everyone is refreshed and keen to start the new term. This term our class topic is 'Bugs, butterflies and beautiful blooms.' This promises to be a really interesting topic with lots of opportunities for cross curricular activities and learning outside, within the school grounds and local area. As you may be aware we are currently improving our provision for outdoor learning; please do join us for the volunteer day on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April if you are able to. In addition to the work planned for the volunteer day; there will be many jobs for Class One to undertake in our improved outdoor learning space throughout the term such as setting up and monitoring a 'bug hotel' and ensuring that the environment is welcoming for a variety of creatures; I'm confident that they will enjoy the opportunities and I look forward to seeing their 'terrific teamwork' skills coming into play.

Please find attached our topic web; this outlines activities that may be covered throughout the term. To support the topic we will be going on a class trip to Hatfield Forest on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June; please see the separate trip letter for details and instructions about payment and giving permission using scopay. If you are able to support the class or enrich the learning this term in any way, please do let me know. During the summer term, please ensure that your child continues to bring a named water bottle to school with them every day. These will be topped up as necessary in the afternoon. Sunhats and long lasting sun cream will also be required as the weather improves.

#### **Staff in Class One**

Class One will continue to be taught by Mrs Barden on Tuesday mornings with support from Mrs Brown every morning as well as Monday and Tuesday afternoons. Mrs Carter will continue to support groups and individuals each morning and on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. We are fortunate that Mrs Middleton will continue to lead music with Class One on Tuesday afternoon.

#### **PE/Swimming**

This term, PE will take place outside (weather permitting) on a Friday. Children should have in school a white t-shirt, navy shorts and plimsolls which they should store in school in their P.E bag. They may also wish to have available trainers for outdoor PE. However please be assured that plimsolls are perfectly adequate. Earrings and any other jewellery must be removed for health and safety reasons for all PE lessons, including swimming. Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly named, we continue to waste a significant amount of learning time each week dealing with lost/muddled clothes. Swimming will continue on Wednesday mornings. Please ensure the children have a swimming hat, they may also wish to bring suitable goggles. It is also very helpful if children wear socks not tights on swimming days. We have been very impressed with how quickly and sensibly children have dressed and undressed for swimming, well done Class One!

#### **Homework**

Reading continues to be an essential part of homework. Children normally have the opportunity to choose a new reading book on a **Monday, Wednesday and Friday**. When your child has finished reading their book, please could you write the title and the date in the front of their orange home school link book. As your child begins to read longer texts we appreciate that these may require more time so please feel free to keep the book a little longer to allow time to discuss the text, develop your child's comprehension skills and to foster an enjoyment of reading. Some useful comprehension questions and tips for developing inference can be found on the Class One area of the website. Please feel free to comment in the homework book about the books your child is enjoying, including those outside of the school reading schemes.

<u><b>Monday</b></u>	<u><b>Tuesday</b></u>	<u><b>Wednesday</b></u>	<u><b>Thursday</b></u>	<u><b>Friday</b></u>
Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading Maths logs handed in	Reading Maths logs returned to children

Please see me if you wish to discuss reading, homework and supporting your child's learning at home.

#### **News and events**

- Our class assembly this term will be on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May
- There is an e-safety event for the whole school community on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June, I urge you to attend if you are able.
- Open afternoons will be held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June

These events and other key dates are always included on Mrs Mitchell's weekly newsletter. You can also keep up to date via the school website and our school twitter feed @chesterfordsch

Thank you for your continuing support.  
Yours sincerely,

Mrs L White