

Great Chesterford C of E Primary Academy

Class 4 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2019

September 2019

Dear Children and Parents,

Welcome to Year 4 - we hope you all enjoyed the summer holidays. This term our class topic is 'Our Locality – Past and Present' and we will incorporate this theme through a wide variety of activities. If parents can help in any way by providing information or resources, we would be pleased to hear from you.

Mrs Lincoln will be teaching the class every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs Sargeant will be teaching every Thursday and Friday. Tuesday afternoons will be taught by Mrs Lincoln and Mrs Sargeant on an alternate weekly basis. Mrs Mannix will be supporting as the Class 4 teaching assistant. We also welcome Mr Gardiner to the Year 4 team this term to support his work with Homerton College, Cambridge.

P.E./Games

P.E. will usually take place on Wednesday mornings and Friday afternoons. However, children will need their P.E. kit in school each day in case of timetable changes. Children should have in school: school navy sports top, school navy shorts or a school skort together with plimsolls and trainers. Children can wear white sports socks or the optional school sports socks for physical education. During the winter months, navy skins or a school tracksuit jacket may be worn (no hoods on tops). Swimming will take place on Wednesday mornings for those pupils who have yet to reach the National Curriculum standard. For these lessons, children will need trunks or a one-piece costume, a swimming hat, goggles and a towel. Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly named. Earrings must be removed for PE lessons. If your child is unable to participate in a PE lesson, please inform us in writing.

Art

Please could the children have a named art apron/old shirt available in school for art lessons.

Homework

Children in Class 4 will have one maths task to complete each week and they are expected to spend up to 20 minutes on this. Fluency in times-table and related division facts is essential for maths development and children are expected to practise these each day at home to build on their previous learning. This year, Year 4 will have to complete a statutory times table check in the summer term. If your child uses TTRockStars regularly to practise, this will support them with completion of the check.

Reading continues to be an important part of homework and research has shown the benefit of primary school-aged children reading to an adult. Children in Class 4 should read to an adult daily for at least 15 minutes. The adult should record the reading progress and any discussions had about the text in their child's school diary. If children are not reading to an adult regularly, additional tasks will be set to be completed in the child's own time.

Dates for your diary

There will be a 'Meet the Teacher' information meeting for Year 4 parents on **Tuesday 10th September** at 4:30pm.

The Harvest Festival will be on **Friday 27th September** at 9:30am in the church.

The class trip to Audley End will be on **Thursday 17th October**. More details will follow.

Our class assembly will be on **Friday 25th October**. Everyone is welcome to attend.

We are looking forward to an enjoyable year ahead. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact either of us.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Lincoln

Mrs Sargeant