

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

Dear Children and Parents,

Welcome back and we hope you all had an enjoyable and restful Easter break. We are both looking forward to a busy and exciting summer term. Mrs Witney will continue teaching the class on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Mrs Barden on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Chambers is our teaching assistant and Mrs Campbell and Mrs Heath are providing additional classroom support.

We have a packed term ahead. The topic for this term is 'The Tudors' and we shall be learning about the significant religious changes that took place in England as a result of Henry VIII's divorce from Katherine of Aragon. **A visit to Kentwell Hall is planned for Friday 28th June;** parents will soon receive the details of this exciting trip, including the costume requirements. A Bikeability course is planned for later this term which would then provide competent cyclists the opportunity to ride to school in Year 6 (distance allowing). This will take place during weeks beginning 24th June and 15th July. More information about groups and specific requirements will follow shortly. Through Science lessons and as part of the PSHE curriculum, we will be studying the physical and emotional changes that may occur during puberty. The term ends with our eagerly awaited Year 5/6 production!

Please note that Class Five's assembly this term will take place on Friday 14th June.

P.E./Games

P.E. lessons will usually take place on Mondays and Wednesdays. Weather permitting; most PE lessons will be at the field. However, 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 and socks are needed and navy skins or school tracksuits may be worn in cold weather. Please provide a plastic bag to keep dirty and wet trainers separate from other 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.

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.** The number of homework tasks has been reduced to ensure that children have plenty of time to read at home and it is important that they get into the habit of recording their reading in their 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 expected to use their homework diaries 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 about any aspect of this letter. We look forward to a busy and productive term ahead.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Witney and Mrs C Barden

Dates for your diaries:

Class assembly: Friday 14th June

Kentwell trip: Friday 28th June

Year 5/6 production: Wednesday 10th, Thursday 11th July

Bikeability: w/c 24th June or 15th July