

Great Chesterford C.E. Primary Academy

Class 3 Newsletter - Autumn Term 2021

Dear Children and Parents,

We hope you have all had a restful and relaxing summer and are ready for the new term ahead. We are very excited to be welcoming our new class back to school after a well-deserved summer break. We would like to reassure you that we are available to support you and your child with the transition from Key Stage 1 into Key Stage 2 so please contact us via the school office if you have any concerns.

Staffing

Mrs Raper will be teaching the class each Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Barden each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We will be supported by Mrs Hitchings each morning with additional support from Mrs Laur-Baker and Mrs Munday.

Termly Topic

The topic this term is **Class 3 Rocks!** Areas of study will include rocks, fossils and soils, and elements of human geography such as settlement and land use. Our history work is focused on changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. If parents can help in any way by providing information on any aspect of our work this term, we would be really pleased to hear from you.

Pencil cases

To minimise movement around the classroom, children will be able to bring in their own small pencil case containing basic equipment. This can be kept in school.

PE/Games

PE lessons will take place on a Friday and children are requested to come to school wearing their PE kit. PE kit consists of a white or navy school PE top, navy shorts/skort, socks, plimsolls and trainers. As the weather gets colder, children may wear blue or black skins or joggers and the school Orion sports top. Children with pierced ears will have to remove earrings for all PE lessons. Swimming lessons will be on Wednesday mornings. For swimming lessons, children will need to come to school wearing their swimming costume under their uniform or PE kit and bring a towel, goggles, a hat and their underwear in a named bag. For the girls, a tankini style costume can be helpful.

Art

Art lessons will take place on Wednesdays. Please could children bring into school a named overall / old shirt as we will be using range of media including paint, charcoal and pastel. This can be kept in their locker at school.

Homework

Children in Class 3 are expected to do approximately **15 minutes reading with an adult per night**. Reading is an important part of homework and children in this class benefit greatly from reading with an adult and talking about the book they are reading to practise their comprehension skills. We request that parents comment about their child's reading in the 'Home' section of the planner and to add a signature each week. Planners will be checked each Friday to ensure that children are reading regularly at home. **Children should bring their reading book and School Planner to school each day.**

Children will be set a **weekly written or online maths task each Friday**, which will be related to what is being taught in maths lessons that week. This should take approximately 20 minutes. Written homework should be handed in on the **following Wednesday**. Any online activities will be via **Active Learn** and children will be able to access their allocated games using their username and password (see planner for details).

At home, in addition, children are expected to practise **times tables daily** as fluency in times-table and related division facts is essential for maths development. The tables the children will be learning will be recorded in their planners each week. Regular practice on apps such as TT Rock Stars will support with this. Please see the planner for login details.

Key Dates and Information

For further information, please refer to the 'Meet the Teacher' presentation on the class page as well as Mrs Mitchell's weekly newsletter.

Year 3 Swimming – Wednesdays, beginning 8th September

Meet the Teacher online presentation by Friday 10th September

Harvest Festival Worship – Friday 24th September

Class Trip to Thorndon Country Park for a Cave Man Day – Thursday 7th October

Class collective worship - Friday 3rd December

We look forward to working with you and to a productive and enjoyable term ahead.

Kind regards

Mrs Raper and Mrs Barden
Class teachers