

Great Chesterford C E Primary Academy

Class 4 Newsletter
Spring Term 2020

Dear Children and Parents

Welcome back and a happy new year to you all! We hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas break.

This term our class topic is entitled '**Water, Water Everywhere**'. Through our topic work, we will be looking at a range of work, including rivers, the water cycle and the Vikings. If parents can help in any way by providing information or resources, we would be pleased to hear from you. We have organised a trip to Anglian Water on Thursday 19th March. More details will follow but we will need parent helpers to enable the trip to take place. Please let us know if you would be able to support with this.

Mrs Lincoln will be teaching each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Sargeant will be teaching the class every Thursday and Friday. Mrs Mannix will be supporting as the Class 4 teaching assistant. Mrs Balchin and Mrs Middleton will be supporting on a Friday afternoon for P.E. and music.

P.E./Games

P.E. usually takes place on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Children should have in school both indoor and outdoor P.E. kits this term. For indoor use, a white T. shirt, navy shorts/skort and plimsolls will be needed, which they should keep in their boxes in a named P.E. bag. As we shall be continuing to go outside for games lessons through the winter, children should also have available trainers and a navy school tracksuit or skins. Please note that hooded tops cannot be worn for P.E. 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.

Swimming will take place on Wednesday mornings for the individuals who have not yet reached the required National Curriculum standard. Information will be sent out via the office to those involved. For swimming lessons, children will need trunks or a one-piece costume, a swimming hat, goggles and a towel.

Art

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

Music

Music lessons with Mrs Middleton will continue to focus on developing recorder playing skills. These lessons usually take place on a Friday afternoon. Please ensure that your child has their recorder in school every Friday.

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 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.

Planners will be checked weekly. We encourage the children to make sure planners are always signed.

Class Assembly

Our class assembly will be on **Friday 13th March**. Everyone is welcome to attend.

We are looking forward to a busy and enjoyable term ahead. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact either of us.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Lincoln and Mrs Sargeant