

**Great Chesterford C.E. Primary Academy**  
**Class 3 Newsletter - Autumn Term 2018**

Dear Children and Parents,

Welcome back to the new school year. 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. Please note that **Mrs Raper** will be teaching the class on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and **Mrs Langton** on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. We will be supported by Mrs Campbell and Mrs Heath. **Class 3 Assembly will be held on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.**

**English**

We will be focussing much of our work on 'Stig of the Dump' by Clive King this half term. Although the school library service may provide a few copies, we would welcome any additional (named) copies of the book which you may already have at home to read and refer to during lessons.

**P.E./Games**

PE will take place on **Wednesdays** (swimming until February half-term) and **Thursdays**. Children should have in school at all times the white or navy school PE top, navy shorts/skort, socks, plimsolls and trainers which they should keep in their box in a named PE bag. In cold weather, children can wear blue or black skins or the school Orion sports top. **Please ensure all PE kit is named.** Children with pierced ears will have to remove earrings for all PE lessons.

**Art**

Please could children bring into school a named overall / old shirt.

**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. In addition to this, children are expected to practise **times tables daily** and they will record in their School Planner the table they are focussing on each week. In Class 3 children will be set a weekly **maths task each Monday**, which will sometimes be online; this should take approximately 20 minutes to complete and the children will hand this in on the following Monday. **Children should bring their reading book and School Planner to school each day.**

**Recorder**

Class 3 will be learning the recorder starting on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September** and we would be grateful if you could purchase a recorder for your child to use; in the meantime, there will be spare instruments to borrow in school.

**Class Trip**

**The Class 3 trip to Great Notley will be on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** – details will follow shortly.

If you have any questions about any part of this letter please don't hesitate to get in touch, either after school or through a note in the parents' comments section of the homework planners. We look forward to working with you and to a productive and enjoyable term ahead.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Raper and Mrs Langton, Class teachers