

# Great Chesterford C of E Primary Academy

## Class 2 Newsletter – Autumn Term 2018

Dear parents and children,

Firstly, I would like to welcome you all to Class 2! I hope you have all had a lovely summer break and are looking forward to the coming year. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and to say how much I am looking forward to getting to know you all over the next few months. The 'Meet the Teacher' meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September, at 3:30. Please come along if you are able.

This term our topic is 'Light and Fire.' In Science we will begin by thinking about different light sources and shadows and will then focus our attention on electricity. Before half term we will be looking at the work of Henri Matisse and Piet Mondrian as part of our art focus on colour and will progress onto making modern day fire engines later on in the term for DT. In Geography, we will be looking at different capital cities around the UK, as well as recapping the names and locations of the world's continents and oceans. If you have any photographs, postcards or information about any of the UK capital cities please send them in as soon as possible! Closer to half term, we will be finding out about the Gunpowder Plot in History. As part of this topic we should get the chance to visit the Gunpowder Mills and learn more about life at the time of Guy Fawkes. Nearer the time, the children will be asked to bring in a shoe box (with a lid, preferably not shiny) for their fire engine, so if you have this item at home, please save them! We will also focus on the Great Fire of London; looking at the causes, how it spread, as well as comparing life in the past with present day. In Computing we will be focusing on e-safety. For further details of possible activities for this term, please see the topic web overleaf.

This term Mrs Barden will teach the children on a Wednesday morning. Mrs Gascoyne and Mrs Abbiss will also be working in Class 2 this year. In addition, Mr Duers will be taking the class for weekly PE sessions.

**PE** - PE usually takes place on a Monday and Tuesday, however could you make sure that the children have their PE bags in school at all times as this is subject to change! Please provide your child with jogging bottoms, sweatshirt and trainers to wear in colder weather! For safety reasons, jewellery should not be worn and earrings must be removed or tape provided for them. The class will swim again, but not until later in the academic year.

**Reading** - Reading is an essential part of the children's homework. They should read for approximately 10-15 minutes per evening. Time in school will be set aside to change books on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please add brief comments to your child's Reading Record book to show they have been reading regularly at home. If your child has not finished their book, please could you record the page they have got up to in their Reading Record. Year 2 children will continue to visit the school library on a weekly basis to choose a book of their choice to enjoy. Please ensure your child has their library book with them every Friday so that they can change it.

**Homework** - It is an expectation that all children complete homework. In Year 2 the children will receive a Maths based homework task, this will be sent home on a Monday and collected in on a Friday and should be completed in pencil in your child's orange homework book. The tasks set should be completed in addition to reading and should each take approximately 15-20 minutes.

**Class Assembly** - Our class assembly this term will be on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October. Please join us if you are able to!

Finally, please do not hesitate to speak to me if you require any further information. I look forward to a busy and enjoyable term ahead!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Butler