

Great Chesterford C E Primary Academy

Class 4 Newsletter Spring Term 2019

Dear Children and Parents

Welcome back and a happy new year to you all! 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.

Mrs Lincoln will be starting her maternity leave on Wednesday 9th January so from the beginning of this term, Mrs Sargeant will be teaching the class every Monday, Wednesday and Friday and we welcome Ms Benson, who will be teaching the class on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Mrs Mannix will be supporting as the Class 4 teaching assistant and Mrs Fox will continue to support identified individuals and groups.

P.E/Games

P.E. usually takes place on Wednesdays and Friday afternoons. Children should have in school both indoor and outdoor PE 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 can not be worn for P.E.

Swimming will take place on Wednesday mornings for the first half term. For these lessons, children will need trunks or a one-piece costume, a swimming hat, goggles and a towel. 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.

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 and encourage them to practise any music provided. The whole class will perform to an audience outside of class this term and in Music Evening next term.

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.

Reading is 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. Please record the reading progress in your child's school diary.

Class Assembly

Our class assembly will be on **Friday 22nd 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 Sargeant and Ms Benson