

Great Chesterford C E Primary Academy

Class 1 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2018

Dear Children, Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Class One and what promises to be a busy and exciting term. I am looking forward to getting to know all of the children and families this term. Mrs Brown will be working alongside me every day in Class One and Mrs Barden will teach the children on Tuesday mornings.

Our topic this term is toys which I am sure will be popular amongst the children. Some curriculum subjects will be taught through this theme and we hope to have lots of creative fun whilst the children continue their academic journey. The subjects covered in the theme are in line with the Primary National Curriculum and can be seen in the attached topic web. A class trip to Saffron Walden Museum, to support the topic, is being arranged; more details about this will follow in a separate letter. If any parents, carers or grandparents can help to enrich our topic in any way by providing information or resources then I would be very pleased to hear from you. In particular, if you have any old or interesting toys that could be used to form part of a class display this would be greatly appreciated.

P.E/Games

PE will usually take place on a Wednesday and Friday. Children should have in school a white T-shirt, navy shorts and plimsolls which they should hang on their peg in a P.E bag, all items of school uniform must be **clearly named**. Children may also wish to have available trainers, navy or black tracksuit trousers and jumper (without hood) as we shall be going outside for games lessons throughout autumn and winter. Please try to promote your child's independence by encouraging them to dress and undress themselves, although support will be given as appropriate.

In addition to our timetabled PE lessons, Class One will take regular breaks for physical activity and enjoy active lessons in the classroom. We endeavour to complete a 'Golden Mile' as a class every day on the playground, more information about the benefits of this can be found by visiting <http://thedailymile.co.uk/>

Homework

In Class 1, children are expected to do approximately 10 minutes of homework per night. Reading is a particularly important part of homework. Reading books will normally be changed on a **Monday, Wednesday and Friday**. When your child has finished reading their book, please could you write the title and the date at the back of their reading record book. As your child begins to tackle longer and more challenging texts, we appreciate that it may take your child more than a few days to read and discuss their book.

On Fridays, the children will be given their Maths Log which will need to be handed in on Thursday every week. Maths Logs are designed to offer your child a creative and flexible approach to their learning at home. I hope that you and your child will enjoy completing the tasks each week.

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading	Maths Log

Please note; whilst Reading Records and Maths Logs will be looked at on a regular basis, homework may not always be formally marked in class. It will sometimes be more appropriate to check children's understanding through discussion or use work started at home as a basis for continued work in the classroom.

Class Assembly and Key Dates:

Meet the Teacher: Tuesday 11th September 4pm

Whole School Harvest Service: Friday 28th September

Our class assembly this term will be on Friday 14th September

Further dates will be published on the school website and weekly newsletters.

Kind regards,
Mrs L White