

Great Chesterford C E Primary Academy
Class 1 Newsletter
Summer Term 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back everyone! I hope that you have all enjoyed a super Easter break and are feeling rested and ready for an exciting and busy term ahead. I was delighted to receive so many postcards from the class, ready for our geography topic, and hear about their Easter adventures. Our topic this term is 'Bugs, butterflies and beautiful blooms' which I hope will be a motivating and engaging topic for all learners. Please find attached our topic web; this outlines activities that may be covered throughout the term. In addition to this, I will follow the children's interests where possible and revisit and consolidate some of the learning covered during the spring term. We hope to utilise the school grounds and local area for topic enrichment activities this term e.g. church visit, science at the field and practical work at Horse River Green as well as joining in with whole school celebrations for the Queen's jubilee.

Staffing and support in Class One

This term, I will continue to teach Class One full time except on Tuesday mornings when Mrs Barden will teach the class. Support staff working in the class are Mrs Brown (M, T all day and W, Th, F mornings), Mrs Holmes (M, T, W all day and Th, F afternoons) and Mrs Eve (W pm, Th am, F all day). Mrs Middleton will continue to teach music this term. As Tuesday morning is my 'non-contact time', this is the best opportunity to arrange a telephone/Zoom conversation or face to face meeting should you wish to speak to me about any issues affecting your child. If you have any concerns about your child's academic progress, behaviour or mental health and wellbeing, please do not hesitate to contact me for support.

P.E/Active learning/Learning outside

PE: PE will usually take place on a **Monday** and **Thursday**. On these days children should come to school in their PE kit consisting of a white T-shirt, navy shorts/joggers and plimsolls or trainers. 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 'Daily Mile' or 'Daily Skip' as a class every day on the playground. Your child should bring a sun hat to school each day this term and have long lasting sun cream applied before school if the weather is forecast to be hot.

Nature Space: Class One will continue to have regular access to the nature space throughout the summer term. As before, we will visit the nature space every **Wednesday**. As we are now experiencing warmer and drier weather, I am hopeful that we can manage our visits to the nature space without the splash suits and additional layers! Instead, please can children just bring a pair of wellies or a change of shoes in a named bag. If it is a wet day, then you may wish to put some waterproof trousers or splashsuit into your child's bag as well.

Homework and reading

In Class 1, children are expected to do approximately 10 minutes of homework per night. Reading regularly to an adult is vital for children and this should take place daily. Your child may read their school reading book or books from home/library. Please continue to practise good hand hygiene before reading with your child. Reading books will normally be changed on a **Monday** and **Thursday** and occasionally children will be given targeted phonics activities in addition to their reading book. During the w/c 6th June children will take part in the statutory phonics screening check, some useful information about the check can be found here: <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/at-school/primary-school-assessment-tests/year-1-phonics-screening-check/>

On Fridays, the children will be given their Maths Log which should be handed in on Thursday every week. Please complete one activity per week. I will also regularly update Tapestry with details of what we have focused on in class should you wish to consolidate this at home as part of your child's maths homework. Tapestry can be used as a record of maths tasks completed at home as well as the maths log book.

News/Events

Birthdays and achievements will continued to be celebrated on a weekly basis in our whole school Friday worship. Should your child wish to share any achievements (medals/certificates/badges etc) with the school community, they can bring these into school on Fridays. Class One will lead the worship on **Friday 13th May**. Parents are invited to join face to face or via Zoom.

Please read the weekly newsletter carefully and regularly check the school website or follow us on Twitter to keep up to date with important events, key dates and to stay on top of the school's expectations and procedures for managing Covid in school. (<http://www.greatchesterfordprimary.co.uk>, Twitter: @chesterfordsch)

Kind regards,
Mrs L White