

# Great Chesterford C of E Primary Academy

## Class 2 Newsletter – Autumn Term 2019

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 Wednesday 18<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; later we will progress to making modern day fire engines as part of our 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. Closer to half term, we will be finding out about the Gunpowder Plot in History. As part of this topic, we will be going to visit the Gunpowder Mills on 5<sup>th</sup> November 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 to school (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. Teaching assistants Mrs Gascoyne and Mrs Abbiss will be working with 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 (no hooded tops) and trainers to wear in colder weather! For safety reasons, jewellery should not be worn and earrings must be removed. 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.

**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 Friday and collected in on the following Friday. This task should be completed using pencil in your child's orange homework book. The tasks set should be completed in addition to daily reading and should each take approximately 15-20 minutes.

**Class Assembly** - Our class assembly this term will be on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November. 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