

## Great Chesterford C.E. Primary Academy Class 3 Newsletter - Autumn Term 2019

Dear Children and Parents,

Welcome back to the new school year. The topic this term is **Class 3 Rocks!** Areas of study will include rocks, fossils and soils and elements of human geography such as settlement and land use. Our History work is focused on changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. If parents can help in any way by providing information on any aspect of our work this term, we would be really pleased to hear from you. Please note that **Mrs Raper** will be teaching the class on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and **Mrs Langton** on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. We will be supported by Mrs Hitchings, Mrs Balchin and Mrs Carter. **Class 3 Assembly will be held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December.**

### English

We will be focussing much of our work on 'Stig of the Dump' by Clive King this half term. Although the school library service may provide a few copies, we would welcome any additional (named) copies of the book which you may already have at home to read and refer to during lessons.

### P.E./Games

Swimming lessons will take place every **Wednesday beginning on 11<sup>th</sup> September.** PE lessons will be on Thursdays. Children should have in school at all times the white or navy school PE top, navy shorts/skort, socks, plimsolls and trainers which they should keep in their box in a named PE bag. In cold weather, children can wear blue or black skins or the school Orion sports top. **Please ensure all PE kit is named.** Children with pierced ears will have to remove earrings for all PE lessons.

### Art

Please could children bring into school a named overall / old shirt.

### Homework

Children in Class 3 are expected to do approximately **15 minutes reading with an adult per night.** Reading is an important part of homework and children in this class benefit greatly from reading with an adult and discussing the text. We encourage parents to comment about their child's reading in the 'Home' section of the planner. If planners show that children are not regularly reading to an adult, additional reading tasks may be set – please see the newsletter dated 5.4.19. In addition to this, children are expected to practise **times tables daily** to support their maths learning. In Class 3 children will be set a weekly **maths task each Tuesday**, which will sometimes be online; this should take approximately 20 minutes to complete and the children will hand this in on the following Monday. **Children should bring their reading book and School Planner to school each day.**

### Recorder

Class 3 will be learning the recorder starting on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September** and we would be grateful if you could purchase a recorder for your child to use; in the meantime, there will be spare instruments to borrow in school.

### Class Trip

**The Class 3 trip to Weald Park for a cave man day will be on Thursday 3rd October** – details will follow shortly. If any parents would like to help, we would be glad to hear from you.

If you have any questions about any part of this letter please don't hesitate to get in touch, either after school or through a note in the parents' comments section of the homework planners. We look forward to working with you and to a productive and enjoyable term ahead.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Raper and Mrs Langton, Class teachers