

# GREAT CHESTERFORD CE PRIMARY ACADEMY

## Class 5 Newsletter Autumn Term 2019

Dear Children and Parents

Welcome back and we hope you all had an enjoyable and restful summer holiday. We are both very much looking forward to working with the class. Mrs Witney will be teaching the class on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Barden on Thursday and Friday. Mrs Chambers, Mrs Fox and Mrs Boyce are our teaching assistants in Class 5.

This term our topic is "Space Invaders". We shall be learning about the Sun, Earth and Moon including the science of the seasons, day and night; the solar system and space travel past and present. Alongside this scientific focus we will be studying the Anglo-Saxons through a range of subjects, including: history, geography and art. If you are able to help by providing information or artefacts, we would be pleased to hear from you. We have arranged a class visit to the Anglo-Saxon village at West Stow on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November**. This term's class assembly will take place on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**. Class 5 will also be representing the school, with Class 6, at the annual **Spirit of Christmas** concert in St Mary's Church Saffron Walden on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December**. Please put the date in your diaries as this is a wonderful community event which we hope every child in the class will be able to attend.

### **P.E./Games**

P.E. lessons will usually take place on Monday and Wednesday. For indoor sessions children should have a school PE T-shirt, school navy shorts or skort and plimsolls, which they should keep in their locker in a named P.E. bag. For outside games lessons, trainers are needed and navy skins or school tracksuits may be worn in cold weather. It is also a good idea to have a spare pair of socks. For safety reasons, jewellery and watches/fitbits should not be worn, and earrings must be removed. **Please make sure that all PE kit is named.**

### **Art / DT**

**Please make sure that a named overall/old shirt is available to be worn for art and DT lessons. This is essential to ensure that the full range of artistic mediums is accessible to all.**

### **Homework**

Children in Class 5 are expected to do at least **15 minutes reading daily** and to keep a record of this in their homework diaries. In addition to daily reading, the children in Class 5 will be set a short literacy and numeracy task each week intended to reinforce topics covered in class lessons. Some of these tasks will be set online. Written answers or jottings should be recorded in the home-school notebook or on any worksheets provided; please encourage your children to stick these in.

The children will also be provided with a homework diary to record the homework tasks and relevant comments and deadlines. Parents are invited to make comments in these diaries. In Years 5 and 6 we encourage the children to become increasingly independent and one suggestion is that children provide their own pencils, ruler and rubber for school in a small pencil case.

A copy of the topic overview is provided on the back of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further information. We look forward to a busy and productive term ahead and to meeting many of you at the **Meet the Teachers Meeting** on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September** at **5.00 p.m.** where we will be available to answer any questions.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs C Witney and Mrs C Barden