

Great Chesterford C E Primary Academy  
Class 1 Newsletter  
Autumn Term 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Class One, I am delighted to be teaching your children this year and I look forward to building relationships with them. I appreciate that you and your children may be experiencing a range of emotions regarding the start of a new academic year. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any support for you or your child during the transition to Year One. Our topic this term is 'Toys' which I am sure will be popular amongst the children, especially when they are introduced to Mini Grey's Traction Man! 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 accompanying topic web. If any parents, carers, or grandparents can help to enrich our topic in any way e.g. participating in a Zoom call or class visit to show us some childhood toys, or providing photographs and information about toys from the past we would be most grateful.

### Staffing and support in Class One

I will be teaching Class One every day, except on Tuesday morning when Mrs Barden will teach the class. On Thursday Mr Duers, our sports coach will lead a PE session with the class. Mrs Brown will support the class every morning and on Monday and Tuesday afternoon. Additional Learning Support Assistants will also support specific children and groups within the class.

### P.E/Active learning/Learning outside

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 and plimsolls or trainers. On colder days, children may wish to wear navy skins or jogging bottoms and a navy sweatshirt, particularly as they will be wearing their PE kit all day. 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. Class One will visit the school nature space every **Wednesday** and will need appropriate clothing for the changing seasons. Please send your child's nature space clothes into school every Wednesday morning in a named bag, which will be returned each Wednesday afternoon. As in reception class, your child should bring wellington boots and a waterproof suit/waterproof trousers. In colder weather, you may wish to provide an additional layer of clothing including warm socks and gloves.

### Homework

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 we will begin sending home reading books from the 13<sup>th</sup> September. I would be grateful if you could practise good hand hygiene when reading with your child; washing or sanitising yours and your child's hands before handling books and reading records and storing books in a plastic wallet when they are not being read. This mirrors our classroom practise. Reading books will normally be changed on a **Monday** and **Thursday**. Occasionally, comprehension and phonics activities may be sent home in addition to the reading books. When your child is ready to change their reading book, please could you write the book title and date in their orange reading record/home school link book. It is beneficial to reread a text several times for fluency and understanding so please don't feel any need to rush to move on to a new book. On **Fridays**, the children will be given their Maths Log which should 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. Tapestry may also be used to support maths homework and to create a record of the learning that your child has completed at home.

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Reading (New book)	Reading	Reading	Reading (New book)	Maths Log

### Class Collective Worship and Key Dates:

Meet the Teacher: A recorded presentation from me will be available from Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September

Whole School Harvest Service: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September

Our class collective worship this term will be on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October at around 9.30 am. It is hoped that we will be able to invite parents to watch our worship in person in the hall, however we will be able to send a Zoom link to those parents who are not able to attend in person. More information to follow.

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

Kind regards,  
Mrs L White