

CHRISTCHURCH JUNIOR SCHOOL

YEAR 3 AUTUMN TERM 2019

WELCOME

We hope your children feel that they have settled in well at CJS. The Year 3 teachers have been very impressed with the positive start the children have made. We are all very excited about this year and hope the children will enjoy all the opportunities available.

ENGLISH

We will begin the year by creating both factual and fun instructions. This will be followed by a retelling of the story 'Cave Baby'. Following on from our trip to Cranborne, we will be writing recounts and thank you letters. As we move into the second half of this term we will read all about the antics of Flat Stanley and the pupils will write their very own chapter.

MATHEMATICS

At first, we will concentrate on ensuring that the children have secure number skills and can choose and apply appropriate methods in problem solving. Real life maths will continue to be central to our teaching and learning. It would be helpful, therefore, if children could be encouraged to apply their maths at home, e.g. telling the time, working out change when shopping, measuring amounts for baking, etc.

COMPUTING

We will be using computers to focus on text and graphics. We also aim to develop children's keyboard skills using Microsoft Word and to teach them how to stay safe whilst using the internet.

To support their typing skills, browse: BBC dance mat typing program.

SCIENCE

In Science, we will be encouraging children to answer questions, such as, "What is a fossil?", "Where do they come from?" and "What lies beneath our feet?" as part of our 'Raging Rocks' project.

During the second half term, we will be encouraging children to answer questions such as, "What is light?" and "Where does darkness come from?" as part of our 'Light the Night' project.

FRENCH

A specialist teacher from Twynham School will be teaching the children French every week. The children will be introduced to the language in short bursts to help begin to develop their general conversation skills. They will also receive a block of lessons focussing on conversational French each term.

HISTORY

This year sees us embark on a unit tracking the progress from Stone Age to Iron Age. Much of this learning will be practical and will include a field trip to Cranborne Ancient Technology Centre.

GEOGRAPHY

Towards the end of the second half of the term, we will be studying the features of a map and visiting the landscapes of the Polar Regions.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We will be focusing on: "What is faith and what difference does it make?". We will follow this with a study of celebrations from around the world.

MUSIC

We are learning to read and perform rhythmic patterns from a rhythm square. We will clap rhythm patterns and read notation. We will handle percussion instruments correctly and write our own rhythm patterns using correct notation.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND GAMES

Indoor PE lessons will take place on a Monday for 3BM, Tuesday for 3GF and 3SC and Thursday 3GB.

The children will be taught Gymnastics and Dance in the main hall by Miss Binney. They will initially focus on posture and the basic principles of gymnastics.

Outdoor Games lessons will take place on a Thursday for 3BM and Friday for 3GF, 3SC and 3GB.

Our Games lessons will initially focus on developing multi-skills (movement skills), including circuit style activities to increase speed, agility, balance, coordination and stamina. As the term progresses, netball and football skills will be taught.

Please ensure that all PE kit is named, in a bag and in school at all times. Shoulder length hair should be tied back (boys and girls) and all jewellery removed. Newly pierced ears must be covered with tape supplied from home.

ART AND DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

In Art, we will begin by looking at Expressionism and the children will be creating some colourful and thoughtful pictures about themselves.

As the term comes to an end, we will be creating hand puppets – designing and sewing our very own characters!

HOME LEARNING

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A Home Learning folder will be coming home with your child on a Friday and we request it brought back the following Thursday. This folder will contain times tables tasks and spellings.

Times Tables

In Key Stage 1 children are expected to have learnt their 2,5 and 10 multiplication and division facts. We will spend the first half of this term recapping these. Following on from this learning, pupils in Year 3 are expected to know and quickly recall multiplication and division facts for 3,4 and 8.

Spellings

Spellings and Phonics will be taught regularly at school. The children will also bring spellings home. These support the taught spelling pattern in school. The children also have an opportunity to gain their spelling badges by practising these at home. The spellings will be issued on Wednesdays, recapped in class during the week and regularly monitored during their learning.

Reading

Children are also expected to read at least **four times a week** outside of school. Please continue to record reading in the Reading Record book, which they should bring home each day and return the following morning along with their library book. Please encourage your child to write a comment about what they have read and initial your child's record to indicate where they have read.

REQUEST FOR HELP!

If you are able to give up some of your time to come into school as a volunteer reader or class helper, please contact the school office. We do require a DBS check to be carried out if you are working with children in school on a regular basis.

If you have any concerns or queries regarding your child's education or wellbeing, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher.

We look forward to a happy and successful term.

Miss G Foster

Miss Biddle

Miss Chamberlain

Mrs Broadwell and Mrs Morrall

3GF

3GB

3SC

3BM