

CHRISTCHURCH JUNIOR SCHOOL

YEAR 4 AUTUMN TERM 2020

WELCOME BACK

We are very pleased that the children are settling in to the new school year. In order to make their learning proceed as smoothly as possible, please ensure your child is regularly equipped with sharp pencils, sharpeners, rubbers, etc. and on PE and Gym days that PE kits and trainers are worn.

ENGLISH

- Fiction writing – we will read, analyse and write a fable in the style of Aesop; write in role as characters in stories; and create poetry.
- Non-fiction writing – this term we will focus on researching and writing an interview linked to our History learning.

MATHEMATICS

Year 4 will follow the Maths No Problem curriculum. Pupils will develop their fluency (quick and efficient recall of number facts and times tables), calculation strategies alongside reasoning and problem solving.

It would be helpful if children were encouraged to apply their maths at home, e.g. telling the time and working out timetables, increasing familiarity with money, measuring amounts for baking, etc. It is also important to keep practising times tables and associated division facts.

COMPUTING

This term, children will learn about e-safety where they will develop their word processing skills using Word and Publisher. They will also use an Art programme to investigate and create various effects.

SCIENCE

We will begin this year with the Science topic of 'Living things and their habitats' where we will consider food chains, food webs and classification. We will then move onto 'Animals' including humans where we will think about the skeleton and muscles.

SPANISH and FRENCH

We are very lucky to have our Modern Foreign Languages taught by a specialist teacher from Twynham School. Spanish will be taught in 4AA and 4VD and French will be taught in 4CC and 4SF. Teachers will also incorporate the language in their classrooms.

TOPIC

We will begin our topic work with The Romans. We will look at how the Romans lived and their influence on the world, especially their lasting legacies in England.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In the first half of this term, we will study Judaism, focusing on the relationship Jews have with God. After half term, we will study Christianity, focusing on the Nativity Story.

MUSIC

This term we will be learning and listening to music by Dave Brubeck to perform and improvise rhythm patterns. We will be listening to programmatic music on water by the composers Handel and Smetna and will create our own graphic scores.

ART AND DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

We will be linking our Art and DT to our topics, as far as possible this year, as we create a range of artwork including Roman mosaics. We will be also develop our paper skills creating a 3D Snowflake at Christmas.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND GAMES

Miss Binney will teach our gymnastic and dance lessons. Outdoor games lessons will take place weekly.

Please ensure that children come into school on PE and Games day wearing the PE kits and trainers.

Our Games days are:

4AA & 4VD—Tuesday

4CC—Thursday

4SF—Friday

PE (gym) is on:

4CC—Tuesday

4AA—Wednesday

4SF & 4VD — Thursday

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.

HOME LEARNING

In order to consolidate the children's learning, home learning tasks will be set each week.

The timetable for these tasks is as follows:

- Weekly spelling task handed out each week with words for children to learn. Their sheet should be completed and returned each Tuesday. Children will not be tested on the words but will be expected to apply the spelling rules and patterns concerned in their writing.
- In addition, every child should read regularly at home – they should aim for an average of around 20 minutes at least 4 times per week. It would benefit your child greatly if, when they read aloud at home, they were encouraged to discuss the language, characters and plot lines. Encourage your child to read a balance of fiction and non-fiction.
- From time to time children may be given an extended task or project to complete at home.
- Please support your child in learning their multiplication and division facts as they will need to know up to 12 x 12 by the end of Year 4. They will also be encouraged to gain their multiplication and division badges. To help with this, we ask children to practise their times tables online in addition to practising with an adult at home. Each child should try to access TimesTables Rockstars at least 3 or 4 times a week.
- At the end of each Maths unit, a review sheet will be sent home. Please take the time to go through this with your child and let them explain to you what they have been learning wherever possible.

TRIPS AND VISITS

Owing to the current social distancing restrictions, we are not able to offer any of our usual visits or visitors at this time.

As restrictions are lifted further, we hope to be able offer the children more experiences. As these restrictions are lifted, if you are willing and able to come into school to hear children read, please let us know.

Thank you.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding your child's education or well being, please do not hesitate to contact their class teacher.

We look forward to an enjoyable and productive year.

Mrs A Arnold
Year Leader
Class 4AA

Miss V Dibdin
Class 4VD

Mrs Carr / Mrs Chung
Class 4CC

Mr Foley
Class 4SF