

CHRISTCHURCH JUNIOR SCHOOL

YEAR 5 AUTUMN TERM 2021

WELCOME BACK

It is wonderful to see Year 5 children back in school rested, eager and ready to learn. We look forward to your child having a successful and enjoyable year, so please contact us if you would like to share any of your child's successes or if you have any concerns.

ENGLISH

Fiction To begin with, we will be immersing ourselves in 'The Wreck of the Zanzibar' by Michael Morpurgo. We will read the book together, discussing the plot and characters as we go along and children will be provided with lots of writing opportunities to explore these ideas.

In addition, we will be using a short film set in the Wild West - 'Ruckus' - as a stimulus for our narrative writing focussing on dialogue and adverbial phrases to advance a story.

We will also read and explore Rooftoppers, again providing lots of opportunities for the children to write and develop their understanding and skills.

Non-fiction: Our topic of Saxons and Vikings will act as a stimulus for a range of non-fiction writing this term as will some of our reading from our fiction books.

MATHEMATICS

Year 5 will follow the Maths No Problem curriculum. Pupils will develop their fluency (quick and efficient recall of number facts and times tables), and calculation strategies alongside reasoning and problem solving. We will continue to hone the children's efficient written methods of calculation but a large focus will be placed on applying appropriate methods to help solve problems. Real life maths will be central to our teaching and learning and it would be helpful 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. Reasoning about number, justifying and explaining answers will also form an integral part of lessons. Please ensure your child regularly practises the multiplication tables up to 12 x 12 including using TT Rock Stars.

COMPUTING

This term, in Computing, we will be looking at a web site called, 'Welcome to the Web'. This site is designed to teach children about how to navigate efficiently and safely when using the web. They will be working through a variety of tasks which will help to consolidate their understanding.

SCIENCE

In Year 5 the children will continue to develop their scientific enquiry skills, including taking accurate measurements with a range of equipment and learning how to present the results of their enquiries. This term they will learn about materials and their properties and changes. The children will learn how the uses of materials are based on their properties. They will also learn about how materials change when they are heated and cooled; what happens when different materials are mixed and then how to separate them and how some changes can be reversed and how others are irreversible. This unit is a highly practical unit with many opportunities for investigations.

SPANISH and FRENCH

This year, we will have our Modern Foreign Languages taught by a specialist teacher from Twynham School. Children will continue to develop their vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation in the language they studied in Year 4.

TOPIC

Our main History topic this term will be the Saxons and Vikings. We will be learning about life in Saxon Britain and the impact the Viking invasion had on everyday life.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In R.E this year we will be looking at the Sikh religion and Christianity. This term we will begin by comparing the different ways Sikhs put their religion into practice. We will then move on to look at how Christians view the Christmas story.

PSHE: We will be following 'Jigsaw' this year which offers a mindful approach. We will begin by addressing the School values and our rights and responsibilities. In the second half term we look at celebrating difference (including anti- bullying and diversity).

MUSIC

This term we will be looking at jazz patterns using 3 and 5 note patterns. We will be learning about the instruments of the orchestra and music best connected with them.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND GAMES

Children are to come into school in their PE kits on the following days:

PE Days: 5AA—Tuesday & Wednesday

5DH —Wednesday & Thursday

5KL—Monday and Tuesday

5EL—Monday & Wednesday

Miss Binney will teach our gymnastic and dance lessons . Shoulder length hair should be tied back (boys and girls) and all jewellery removed. Recently pierced ears must be covered with tape supplied from home.

Outdoor Games will be taught through Multi Skills and circuits

ART AND DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

We will be linking our Art and DT to our topics as far as possible this year. We will use a range of materials and craft making techniques to develop fine motor skills. Using the Vikings as a stimulus, we will be developing skills to draw self portraits and then adapting these to caricatures before finally making clay figureheads. A study of the poppy—themed artwork by Georgia O’Keefe will also be part of this term’s learning.

DT: Bread Making: the children will be learning how bread is made, will design and bake their own flavoured bread, investigate the types of bread that different cultures bake and for what meals these are for and how bread is made in the UK - the ingredients and method.

HOME LEARNING

In order to consolidate learning, home learning tasks will be set each week.

- Please continue to support your child in learning their multiplication and division facts . They will still 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 TT Rockstars at least 3 or 4 times a week and has a weekly target of 250 points.
- 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.
- Weekly spelling task handed out each week with words for children to learn. Their sheet should be completed and returned each week. Children will not only be tested on the words but will also be expected to apply the spelling rules and patterns concerned in their writing.
- Children are set weekly tasks on Reading Plus which they are expected to complete and should aim for 85%+ accuracy. These reading activities will help them both with their reading fluency and their understanding of what they read. Please also encourage your child to read a range of fiction and non-fiction books.
- Additional homework tasks or projects may be set to be completed at home.

Visits and Visitors

We are currently arranging some exciting, educational events for the children which we hope to share with you soon.

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 school year.

Mrs A Arnold

Miss H Ellis/ Mrs F Lewis

Mrs K Landrebe

Mr D Haggar

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