

CHRISTCHURCH JUNIOR SCHOOL

YEAR 3 SPRING TERM 2022

WELCOME BACK

We hope you and the children had a great Christmas holiday. Year 3 children had a fantastic first term. We have been incredibly pleased with the way they have settled so well into life here and hope they have all enjoyed their first term.

ENGLISH

We will begin the term by developing children's skills to write descriptively and from the viewpoint of different characters. The children will also have the opportunity to write creatively in our Poetry Unit when we read, write and perform Cinquain poems.

Our non-fiction writing will focus on creating an Egyptian museum and instructions for how to create a mummy!

We will be reading and writing about 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' in the second half of the term and designing our own fireworks as a stimulus for our information reports.

MATHEMATICS

Using and applying appropriate methods in problem solving and real life maths along with a range of calculation strategies will be central to our teaching and learning. This term we will cover applying the four operations to mass, length and capacity. It would be helpful if children were encouraged to apply their maths at home, e.g. telling the time, working out change when shopping, measuring amounts for baking, etc. Please continue to encourage your child to learn the multiplication facts for 3, 4 and 8.

COMPUTING

Computing lessons will include using Publisher to create an Egyptian leaflet and creating digital Art work using 'Paint' software.

SCIENCE

Which foods are good for us? What happens to our food once we have eaten it?

These are some of the questions we will be answering as we step into the wonderful world of the Human Body! We will then move on to the mysteries of plants.

FRENCH

Children will continue to participate in French lessons, taught by specialist language teachers from Twynham School. They will develop their pronunciation and basic conversation skills.

HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY

What are Ancient Civilisations? Where and when did this all take place? Who were the Pharaohs?

Children will be able to answer these questions and immerse themselves in Egyptian life from over 4000 years ago as we sample Egyptian foods on our Egyptian day!

We will also be looking into the world of water, weather and climate and how they affect the world we live in.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We will be learning about Christianity, Patron Saints and the Easter story which will form a prominent part of our RE teaching this term where the children will be learning to recall key events in the Easter story, discussing what is 'good' about Good Friday.

PSHE

We will be following our PSHE Jigsaw scheme of work discussing and learning about Dreams and Goals during the first half term. The following half term, we will be focussing on learning how to be healthy in our 'Healthy Me' unit.

MUSIC

In music, we will be looking at pentatonic scales. We will be composing and performing melodies that use the pentatonic scale. We will collaborate in a group piece of music for a dragon dance that will use a pentatonic melody we will have composed and will accompany with un-tuned percussion.

In the second part of the term, we will start with whole class learning of the recorder.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND GAMES

Indoor PE lessons will take place on a **Monday** for 3EY, **Tuesday** for 3AB and 3SC and **Thursday** for 3MF.

The children will be taught Gymnastics and Dance in the main hall by Miss Binney.

Outdoor Games lessons will take place on a Friday for all Year 3 classes.

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 and worn to school on the days that the children have PE.

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

The children will be exploring printing and materials with a focus on Egypt, experimenting with different materials and techniques to create Ancient artworks.

HOME LEARNING

Your class teacher will send out Year 3 homework in the first week of each half term. There will be non-negotiables parts (below) and lots of fun optional elements. We will share the homework in the last week of each half term (house points to be earned!)

Times Tables

Pupils in Year 3 are expected to know and quickly recall multiplication and division facts for 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8. Year 3 children have a login to 'Times Table Rock Stars'. We recommend they use this for at least 30 minutes a week for 5-10 mins each time.

Spellings

Spellings and Phonics will be taught regularly at school. The children will also bring spellings home. These support the spelling badges they can achieve.

Reading

Children are also expected to read at least 5 times a week outside of school. The children have a login to Reading Plus (or Reading Eggs) to support their reading development. We recommend they use this for at least 3 of their weekly reading sessions.

Parent Helpers

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. You will be required to complete an application form, and references would support prior to us carrying out a DBS check, as this is required if you are working with children in school on a regular basis. Please call into the office for the necessary forms.

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.

Mr Fidge

Mrs Yeatman and Mrs Edkins

Miss Chamberlain

Miss Buller

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