

CHRISTCHURCH JUNIOR SCHOOL

YEAR 5 SPRING TERM 2022

WELCOME BACK

Well done to all our Year 5 children for a fantastic first term. The children were very enthusiastic in their learning and demonstrated a great positive attitude. We hope you have all had a very enjoyable Christmas break and we are looking forward to all the exciting opportunities that the New Year will hold.

ENGLISH

We will begin the term reading, analysing and finally writing biographies. We will then turn our attention to the home front during WWII where, using a variety of written and visual stimuli, the children will write diaries, personal recounts and descriptions revolving around the main themes of The Blitz and evacuation.

Our fiction reading and writing this term will centre around The Lighthouse, where we will focus on adding suspense to our stories and writing linked to the book One Dog and his Boy which will explore PSHE issues and animal welfare.

MATHEMATICS

In addition to the Maths No Problem Scheme of work, the children will be choosing and applying appropriate methods in reasoning and real life problems whilst focusing on quick and accurate arithmetic.

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., using mental calculation strategies.

COMPUTING

Year 5 children will be using PowerPoint to present their research linked to our learning on the Home Front. They will be developing their understanding and use of hyperlinks and add animation to their slides.

SCIENCE

Our first unit this term is Earth and Space. Children will find out fascinating facts about the Sun, Moon and Earth and develop an understanding of day and night and the four seasons. The Sun and the planets making up our Solar System will be investigated, along with the other stars in their constellation. To further enhance this topic we will be visiting the Winchester Science Museum.

Our second unit will look at a range of different forces: gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction. The children will investigate how mechanisms, like levers, pulleys and gears, help us to use smaller forces.

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Spanish and French will continue to be taught by specialist Modern Foreign Languages teachers from Twynham School. Children will develop their vocabulary and knowledge of grammatical structures in addition to working on their pronunciation and understanding of what they hear.

HISTORY

In History, we will be learning about The Medieval Monarchs. We will look at major monarchs and events of the period from 1042 to 1603 and investigate succession to the throne. We will also compare and discuss the possible qualities and failings of these major monarchs and look at factors which influence their decision making.

GEOGRAPHY

After half term, we are looking at North America (including the Caribbean). We will consider matters such as food supplies, Fair Trade and geographical features.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Following our Discovery RE syllabus, this half term we will consider Sikhism and ask 'Are Sikh stories important today?'

As Easter approaches, we will be looking at Christianity and ask 'How significant is it for Christians to believe God intended Jesus to die?'

MUSIC

In the first part of the term we will take a Journey into Space - Sound Sources, collecting sound effects and collaborating these into a sound picture which will be graphically scored.

After half term, we will be exploring lyrics and melody with a Second World War theme. We will be listening to and exploring music from this era, including dance bands and the music of Glenn Miller as well as writing our own war style lyrics and composing a melody to a song.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND GAMES

Year 5/Spring 1 - Handball (games) and Fitness (gym)

Year 5/Spring 2 - Basketball (games) and Dance (gym)

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. Lessons will continue to be taught on the same days/times as per the Autumn Term and children should wear their PE clothing on those days.

ART AND DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Our focus for DT this term will be investigating bread, from the taste and texture of different bread to how it is made. We will end the unit with the children baking their own bread.

After half term, our art unit will involve drawing skills, charcoal and wax resist followed by designing and creating a papier-mâché sculpture.

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 Friday 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 should read at home a minimum of 5 times a week. At least one of those sessions should be on Reading Plus with the remaining sessions reading books from either school or home.
- From time to time additional homework tasks or projects may be set to be completed at home.

VISITS AND VISITORS

To support our Science learning this term, we will be visiting the Winchester Science Museum.. This will allow children to see images of stars, planets, and constellations projected in a planetarium and many other interactive Science and technology activities and innovations.

Our Home Front English unit will begin with a visit from Treehouse Theatre company. During the day, the children will get into role as Second World War evacuees and take part in a drama production. Evacuee themed costumes are suggested for this day. Should you require any help sourcing one, please contact your child's class teacher who will happily provide you with some ideas.

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

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Miss Ellis/Mrs Lewis

Mrs Landrebe

Miss Hassall

Class 5AA

Class 5EL

Class 5KL

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