

# CHRISTCHURCH JUNIOR SCHOOL

## YEAR 6 SPRING TERM 2021

### **WELCOME BACK**

All teaching staff in Year 6 were impressed with the way the children of CJS adapted to the raised expectations in work load as well as work ethic, during the Autumn Term. As a year team we have been very impressed with the way the children have taken on the growth mindset approach to their learning ("I can't do it... yet" rather than "I can't do it.") They have also shown maturity in the way they are now able to reflect on their own and each others' strengths and areas for improvement. We hope the children all enjoyed the Christmas holidays and recharged their batteries as we have another exciting and busy term ahead.

### **ENGLISH**

Fiction: Our study of myths will include writing magazine interviews, an extract from Theseus and the Minotaur and an original myth. In the second half of this term, with our topic work on the Titanic as the focus, the children will write diary entries, information texts and an extended narrative.

Non fiction: Explanations: non-chronological report and letter writing.

Our class novel will be 'Wonder': a fiction book by R.J. Palacio. During our studies of this text, children will write character studies, analyse how an author develops the narrator's point of view, empathise with characters and study a story with a moral theme. In the second half of this term, the children will read and study the book 'Kaspar' by Michael Morpurgo which links perfectly to our studies of The Titanic.

### **MATHEMATICS**

The children will continue to be taught engaging lessons in Maths using the Maths No Problem scheme to develop mental maths skills and encourage deeper thinking (mastery and reasoning).

We ask that the children continue practising their times tables and associated division facts and try to keep improving the speed and accuracy of recall.

Please continue to develop their maths skills through daily activities such as time telling, reading timetables and converting money and measurements (cm, k, kg, g, etc).

### **COMPUTING**

We will continue to develop the children's computing skills – focussing upon programming and coding using Scratch. And later on, they will develop their skills in creating effective spreadsheets and how these can be used to present data.

### **SCIENCE**

Developing investigation skills and scientific thought will be at the centre of our learning. We will do this through the topic of light and electricity.

### **SPANISH/FRENCH**

This will be taught by specialist Modern Foreign Languages teachers from Twynham School who will continue to increase the children's vocabulary and their use of this in conversation as well as learning more about Spanish /French culture.

### **HISTORY**

This term we will be studying the Industrial Revolution. We will look at the Victorian era, studying the impact this period had on our country's history. In the second half of this term we will be jumping to the Titanic era and learning about what life was like at this time as well as specific information about the voyage and ship itself.

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

This term we will be studying the question 'is anything ever eternal?'. We will revisit the Christian Easter story and consider the events from different perspectives.

## MUSIC

Mrs Green will be teaching our Music. Pupils will explore combining sounds and evaluating their effects to accompany 'Theseus and the Minotaur'.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND GAMES

**6CC**      *Gym on Wednesday*    *Games on Thursday*  
**6DB**      *Gym on Thursday*      *Games on Wednesday*  
**6AM**      *Games on Tuesday*      *Gym on Wednesday*  
**6JW**      *Games on Tuesday*              *Gym on Thursday*

Please ensure that children have trainers in school every day and that all PE kit is named and in school at all times. Longer 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

Using wood-work skills (accurately measuring, sawing and sanding) pupils will design and create a model of a labyrinth. Additionally, the children will learn new skills such as how to create a mitre joints. In the second half of the term the children will create artwork using one and two point perspectives.

## HOME LEARNING

In order to consolidate the children's learning, home learning tasks will continue to be set each week from the children's CGP books. The timetable for these tasks is as follows:

**Maths and reading CGP** – set on Friday and due in on the following Friday

**Spelling** – set on Friday and due in on the following Friday

**Reading**— In line with school policy, it is expected that all children in Y6 read 4 times per week at home.

It is also vitally important that children read regularly at home and practise their times tables and associated division facts. Again, they are encouraged to gain their multiplication and division badges as well as playing Times Tables Rock Stars. Additionally, we encourage all children to use Reading Plus as often as possible.

Pupils will be sitting their mock SATs **w/c Monday 17th January**. Following this, the children will sit their SATs **w/c Monday 9th May 2022**. A letter regarding revision materials and useful websites to help your child prepare for the tests will be sent home this half term.

## Trips

We are planning to take the year group on a school trip to the Titanic museum in Southampton next half term. We will enjoy two workshops (Southampton's Titanic Story and a workshop on the Learning Deck) as well as a guided tour of the museum itself. Confirmation of this trip will follow.

Additionally, we are in the process of booking a trip to Moors Valley to work on our mapping and navigation skills. Dates to follow .

## REQUEST FOR HELP

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our three volunteer readers who have regularly come into school to help. If you are able to give up some of your time to come into school as a volunteer reader or to assist with maths, please speak to the school office for more information, speak to Mrs Curry (Assistant Headteacher) or download and complete our Volunteer Expression of Interest Form which can be found on our website. All offers of help will be gratefully received. We are required to carry out a DBS check if you are working with children in school on a regular basis. Please call into the school office for the necessary forms.

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

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Class 6JW

*Mrs Chung/Mrs Carr*  
Class 6CC

*Miss A Melvin*  
Class 6AM

*Mr D Breeze*  
Class 6DB