

CHRISTCHURCH JUNIOR SCHOOL

YEAR 3 SUMMER TERM 2022

WELCOME BACK

We hope you and the children had a great Easter holiday and are feeling prepared for the final term in Year 3. How quickly time flies! What a fabulous Spring Term. Thank you for your continued support with your children's learning. Their home learning has certainly impressed us. We have been incredibly pleased with the way the year group has worked and look forward to an exciting term ahead.

ENGLISH

Fiction – Children will be reading and writing stories with morals, paying particular attention to the environment and its effect on animal life. We will also be writing poems about 'Plastic' and looking at the impact it has on our physical environment.

Non-fiction – Building on our fiction units, we will be writing persuasive letters to discourage deforestation. We will also be researching and writing reports on the wonderful animals of the rainforest.

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. 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 3, 4 and 8 multiplication facts. In Year 4, they will be expected to know all their times tables facts.

COMPUTING

We will be using Word and PowerPoint to demonstrate our knowledge of the Rain Forest and the local area. We will also be teaching and focussing on loops and repeats in programming, as well as the importance of staying safe online.

SCIENCE

We will continue to learn all about plants. What makes a plant grow? How do we keep them alive? Does a plant really transport water?

We should all be very 'green fingered' by the end of this topic and know exactly how to be real gardeners.

Later, we will be learning about forces and magnets and finding out how rides work at theme parks, such as Paultons Park! Further information will follow!

FRENCH

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

TOPIC—Crossing Continents

What are the 7 continents of the world? Can you name the 6 main oceans on our planet?

Which hemisphere do we live in and what makes the continents so different?

These will be some of the questions we will be answering as we venture across the continents and time to study the Ancient Shang Dynasty before zooming back to our very own town.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Children will be focusing on the beliefs and practice of Hindus. We will be joined by visitors from a local Hindu community on our first ever 'Hindu Day'.

MUSIC

We will be continuing to learn the recorder for the first half of the summer term culminating in a performance. In the second half of the summer term, the children will be creating sound pictures followed by learning playground rhymes and games.

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.

In PE, children will be introduced to rounders, explore a variety of athletic events and experience new sports in an exciting alternative sports unit. Children will continue to develop their resilience, cooperation and problem solving skills throughout the summer term.

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

During art lessons we will be looking at work by the artist Henri Rousseau, making links to our English study of rainforests.

In DT we will be designing fairground rides. We also have our very first cookery sessions planned, cooking and eating our very own Chinese food.

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'. In Year 3, children are expected to earn 50 points a week. 10 coins = 1 point.

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 2 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. You will be required to complete an application form, and references taken up, 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 contact the school office for the necessary forms. We are required to carry out a DBS check if you are working with children in school on a regular basis.

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
3MF

Mrs Yeatman and Mrs Edkins
3EY

Miss Chamberlain
3SC

Miss Dunk
3AB