

CHRISTCHURCH JUNIOR SCHOOL

YEAR 4 SUMMER TERM 2022

We are delighted to welcome our Year 4 classes back to their final term. The year is flying by and we can not believe that we are now looking ahead to Year 5. After sharing their incredible Europe presentations before Easter, we hope they had a lovely break and are raring to go! We have another busy term ahead and are looking forward to venturing further afield again on another school trip to enjoy some outdoor learning—more details to follow.

ENGLISH

This term in English we will be reading the book *Holes* by Louis Sachar. We will create character descriptions, describe settings and learn how to build up tension in our writing. In addition, we will be learning how to write a myth with an animal as our main character. As part of our non-fiction unit, we will become journalists and discover what features create a good newspaper report. Our focus will be how to keep our beaches clean and litter free.

MATHEMATICS

Using and applying appropriate methods in problem solving and real life maths will continue to be central to our teaching and learning. Please encourage your children to apply their maths at home, e.g. telling the time, working out change when shopping, measuring amounts for baking, etc.

Please continue to help your children learn their multiplication and division facts and encourage them to gain their tables badges.

COMPUTING

Computing this term will be learning how to search the web efficiently and how the internet works, in addition to researching and presenting our findings using PowerPoint.

SCIENCE

We will be learning about sound and how sound travels. This will be a super link to our Samba topic in music where we will discover how vibrations travel on a drum, creating different pitches.

We will also be thinking about the Water Cycle and looking at the journey water takes around this cycle.

SPANISH / FRENCH

We will continue to develop our basic vocabulary and practise using this in sentences and short conversations. We will also continue to investigate Spanish or French culture and geography.

TOPIC

Children will study the history and geography of the New Forest. In geography, we will build on previous knowledge of map grid references before exploring why people like visiting the New Forest and the impact that tourism has on our local area. In history, we will discover how the landscape has changed over time and how the New Forest was important in World War Two.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In RE we will be learning how art and music is used in Christian worship. We will also continue to build on our knowledge of Judaism and how Jewish people show their commitment to God.

MUSIC

This term we will be taught how to play samba music by Soundstorm. We will explore how complex rhythms fit together on a range of untuned percussion instruments. We will also learn how to follow the signals and cues given by the samba leader.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND GAMES

Swimming has now finished and we were very proud of the progress that every child made. Our PE and Games will focus on cricket and athletics this term.

4CC—Tuesday and Thursday

4VD—Tuesday and Wednesday

4PG—Tuesday and Wednesday

4SF— Thursday and Friday

Please ensure that all PE kit is named and in school at all times. 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

We will be looking at art in the environment and how this influences artists in their own work. We will also be designing and making sun safety pop up cards. Perhaps we could add a nature design to the front!

HOME LEARNING

Spellings

Spelling groups will continue this term. Please encourage your children to feel confident with the meaning of the words and the spelling pattern. Spellings will be given out on a Friday and will be tested the following Friday.

Reading

It is also recommended that every child should read regularly at home. Please encourage your child to read aloud to an adult at least 4 times a week as well accessing Reading Plus once a week. It would benefit them greatly if, when they read aloud at home, they were also encouraged to discuss the language, characters and plot—it really does make a huge difference!

Times Tables

We are really pleased with the children's enthusiasm for learning their times tables and their eagerness to achieve their badges. Opportunities for learners to gain these tables badges will continue regularly along with times tables tests in classes.

Excellence Badge (*50 multiplications in 2½ minutes*)

Teacher's Badge (*50 multiplications in 1 minute*)

Triple Challenge Badge (*50 divisions in 2½ minutes*)

Champion of Champions (*50 divisions in 1 minute*)

Mega Mix (*25 multiplications / 25 divisions in 1 minute*)

Timestables Rockstars remains an important part of our home learning with the expectation that 250 points is achieved each week. The children really enjoy in class battles and when the results are announced in our weekly Good Assembly, the excitement is palpable!

Proposed UPCOMING TRIPS

In June, we are hoping to visit Ferny Croft Scout Activity Centre in Lyndhurst. This will support us with our history and geography topic of The New Forest and really bring our learning to life. More details will be sent in a separate letter.

REQUEST FOR HELP!

If you are able to give up some of your time to come into school as a volunteer reader or class helper, please let the office know. 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 call into the office for the necessary forms. All offers of help will be gratefully received!

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.

Mrs Cook

Miss Dibdin

Mr Gorsuch

Mr Foley

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Year Leader