

CHRISTCHURCH JUNIOR SCHOOL

YEAR 5 SUMMER TERM 2022

We hope that you enjoyed the Easter holidays and that the children have come back ready to enjoy their last term in Year 5. We cannot believe how quickly this academic year is going! We thoroughly enjoyed last term with our fantastic visit to the Science Museum in Winchester and our WWII themed drama day with Tree House Theatre. Moreover, the children really impressed us with their fabulous writing, lovely art work and delicious bread.

ENGLISH

We will begin this term with writing based on 'The Nowhere Emporium' by Ross Mackenzie. The children will be taken on an adventure through this mysterious shop from nowhere that can appear at any time, in any city. We shall be creating magical rooms, discussing moral dilemmas and delving deep into the book's mysterious characters. We will also look at some classic poetry.

We will also write a range of non-fiction texts related to our exciting, upcoming watersports experience at Mudeford and explanations linked to our Topic work.

MATHEMATICS

The children will continue their Maths learning with Maths No Problem, achieving a deep understanding of decimals, percentages and geometry. This term the children will continue to develop their fluency, reasoning skills and ability to explain their thinking using the appropriate Maths vocabulary whilst learning key skills.

COMPUTING

Our first unit will be e-safety. The children will look at how to use the internet safely, thinking about their own personal safety and issues of reliability of information.

The second unit will use the computer control programme; Flowol. This incorporates: considering what is control, everyday situations where technology is used to control, and using simulations to mimic control systems.

ART AND DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

In DT we are analysing, researching designing, making and evaluating our own phone cases.

In Art, we will be looking at famous landmarks and thinking about how we would draw or print them.

SCIENCE

We will be continuing our Forces unit, learning about the gravity, friction and some simple mechanism such as levers, gears and pulleys. Following that will be learning about the heart and circulation. We will also be looking at how to live healthy lives. Children will be expected to plan enquiries, take measurements (using a range of scientific equipment) record data and present findings. Much of this learning will be practical to give children opportunities for hands-on discovery learning.

SPANISH / FRENCH

Modern Foreign Languages will continue to be taught once a week by Twynham staff. The main focus of the lessons is on speaking and listening working on pronunciation and understanding. The children are looking forward to learning new and having opportunities to practise some key vocabulary in class.

TOPIC

Our topic this term is based around Geography. We begin with an in-depth study of North America and, in particular, the human and physical features of the USA. Mapping skills such as using co-ordinates and key as well as locating significant sites will form part of the lessons. The second unit is a study of volcanoes and earthquakes, locating them within the world, finding out why and how they happen and subsequently looking at their impact on specific regions.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We will revisit Sikhism and Christianity with a focus on how the different religions show commitment to God.

MUSIC

Children will be taught to sing and play musically with increasing confidence and control. This term's focus will be Caribbean themed songs and we will be offering the children a chance to take part in Jumbie Jams, steel drumming workshops. Further to this, the children will develop an understanding of musical composition, organising and manipulating ideas within musical structures and reproducing sounds from aural memory.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND GAMES

Gymnastics and Dance, with Miss Binney in the Summer Term, will be inspired by different artwork as a way of creating movement and choreography. Later in the term, we will be looking at following verbal and physical direction within technique to improve our movement ability.

In PE, students will develop their rounders skills, explore a variety of athletic events and experience new sports in an exciting alternative sports unit.

Visits and Visitors

In June, will be attending ShoreSports at Mudeford Quay to take part in paddle sports and water based team activities and challenges.

We are also hoping to organise a further trip...details to follow.

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.

Thank you once again for all your support so far this year. 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 Summer Term.

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