

CHRISTCHURCH JUNIOR SCHOOL

YEAR 3 SPRING TERM 2023

WELCOME BACK

We hope you and the children had a great Christmas holiday. Year 3 children had a fantastic first term. We have been incredibly pleased with the way they have settled so well into life here and hope they have all enjoyed their first term.

ENGLISH

We will begin the term by developing children's skills to write descriptively and from the viewpoint of different characters. We will be reading and writing about 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' and creating amazing newspaper reports all about Chinese New Year! After half term we will bring our learning to life by taking the children to Flavours cookery school for a Chinese cookery lesson!

After half term, we will be studying Mountains, Volcanoes and Earthquakes and will be writing our own stories in celebration of World Book Day and National Storytelling Day.

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. This term we will cover applying the four operations to mass, length and capacity. 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 multiplication facts for 3s, 4s and 8s times tables.

COMPUTING

Computing lessons will include using Publisher to create leaflet for the Shang Dynasty and creating digital art work using 'Paint' software.

SCIENCE

Which foods are good for us? What happens to our food once we have eaten it?

These are some of the questions we will be answering as we step into the wonderful world of the Human Body! We will then move on to the mysteries of plants.

FRENCH

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

HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY

Your children will be learning all about the Shang Dynasty in History this term—they will wow you with their knowledge of ancient rulers and kingdoms!

In Geography we will be learning all about how Mountains, Volcanoes and Earthquakes are formed and where they are located.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We will be learning about Christianity, Patron Saints and the Easter story which will form a prominent part of our RE teaching this term where the children will be learning to recall key events in the Easter story, discussing what is 'good' about Good Friday.

PSHE

We will be following our PSHE Jigsaw scheme of work discussing and learning about Dreams and Goals during the first half term. The following half term, we will be focussing on learning how to be healthy in our 'Healthy Me' unit.

MUSIC

In Music, we will be learning the basics of playing the recorder. We will start learning how to hold and create the correct sound, the first notes and basic rhythms. Children will start learning to play tunes first in unison and then in two parts or with an ostinato.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND GAMES

Indoor PE lessons will take place on a Monday for 3LY, Tuesday for 3SC and 3GD and Thursday for 3AB.

This term in gymnastics the children are learning to balance and move in symmetrical and a-symmetrical sequences.

Outdoor Games lessons will take place on a Friday for all Year 3 classes.

Our Games lessons this term will focus on invasion games including basketball and handball. We will be focussing on catching, throwing and coordination skills. After half term, we will be jumping straight into the Spring spirit with weekly tennis lessons.

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

The children will be exploring printing this term, learning specifically about different textures and the artist Georgia O'Keefe. In DT we will be learning about the safe handling of food and creating our own sandwiches and wraps.

HOME LEARNING

We first want to thank you in advance for supporting your children's learning at home. It really does make such a difference.

Reading

Just a reminder that all the children should be coming home with a book that they have chosen from the library and some children will also come home with a decodable phonics book (we will also remind the children to bring them home!). We ask that the children read to you at least 4 times a week. In addition to this, the children also have access to Reading Plus (or Reading Eggs) and should be trying to complete at least one reading lesson at home per week on this program. These programs are important as they track the children's reading progress and will also aid the teachers in providing any support or intervention the children might need.

Maths

We have been learning the multiplication and division facts for the 3s, 4s and 8s. We recommend that the children play Times Table Rockstars 2 or 3 times a week for 5-10 mins. Each week we set up a tournament between the 4 classes. Remember—the team with the most coins at the end of the week gets 5 minutes extra playtime!

Please also continue to use Doodle maths, we would encourage the children to use the platform 3 or 4 times a week for 5-10 minutes, as this will keep them in the green zone.

Spellings

Spellings and Phonics will be taught regularly at school. Spellings will continue to be sent out to practise at home on Friday, they will then be tested on these words the following Friday.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's education or wellbeing, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher. Our priority is for your children to be happy, safe and successful in our care. Thank you again for all your support and co-operation.

Miss Buller

Mrs Yeatman and Mrs Landrebe

Miss Chamberlain

Miss Dunk

Year Leader

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