

CHRISTCHURCH JUNIOR SCHOOL

YEAR 6 SPRING TERM 2023

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to a busy Spring Term. We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and managed to spend some quality time with your families—it all seems like a distant memory now! The Year Six team have been thoroughly impressed with how well the children have returned to school and settled straight into their learning. We recently ran a mocks SATs week to give the children a taster of how we will run the SATs in May and they all coped brilliantly. They saw first hand how supported they are and that they are nothing to feel anxious about. Of course, if your child does have any worries please do contact your class teacher.

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 encourage your child to practise their arithmetic skills by completing the weekly arithmetic homework. We plan this carefully to fill in any learning gaps your child may have.

In addition, 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). It all helps!

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. We will explore how and why we see light, the anatomy of the

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 life on the Home Front and compare World War One with World War Two. We will look at how Britain reacted to the threat of food becoming scarce, what role women played in both wars and how propaganda was aimed at keeping spirits up.

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'. Some children will be travelling to London to have the amazing

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND GAMES

6CC *Gym on Tuesday* *Games on Thursday*

6DB *Gym on Wednesday* *Games on Thursday*

6VD *Games on Wednesday* *Gym on Thursday*

6CO *Games on Wednesday* *Gym on Thursday*

Please ensure that hair is tied back and earring are either removed or covered.

ART AND DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

This term we will be designing an electric car! We are hoping to build these using different skills such as sawing wood, creating joints and creating axles. We will then use a motor to make the car move. Towards the end of term we then hope to have a Wacky Races afternoon where we try out our cars!

HOME LEARNING

Maths – set on Friday and due in on the following Friday. In addition, all children are expected to be in the Green Zone on Doodle Maths.

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. One of those should be using Reading Plus.

It is also vitally important that children read regularly at home and practise their times tables and associated division facts and Times Tables Rock Stars is a great platform to do this. However, please remind your child to practise the times tables that they are less confident with, rather than gaining coins and points practicing tables they already know!

SATs

Due to the coronation of King Charles, the SATs are now starting a day later on Tuesday 9th May.

Tuesday—Spelling and grammar

Wednesday—Reading

Thursday—Arithmetic and Maths Reasoning Paper 1

Friday—Maths Reasoning Paper 2

More details will follow in a separate letter nearer the time.

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 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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