

# CHRISTCHURCH JUNIOR SCHOOL

## YEAR 3 SUMMER TERM 2023

### WELCOME BACK

We hope you and the children had a great Easter holiday and are feeling prepared for the final term in Year 3. We can't believe how fast time flies! The Year 3 team would like to thank you for your continued support. We are amazed at how much progress the children have made so far in Year 3 and know they will be prepared and ready as they begin their transition into Year 4. Although, let's not get ahead of ourselves, we have quite a way to go yet and some great learning to get under our belts first!

### ENGLISH

**Fiction** – We will be getting stuck into all things Ancient Greece this term! Starting off by exploring Greek Myths and finally writing our very own Warning Tale and creating our own weird and wonderful mythical creatures.

**Non-fiction** – Sticking to the Greek theme, we will also be writing instructions on how to care for a mythical creature. I'm sure some will be coming home asking for a pet minotaur!

### MATHEMATICS

In this final term, we will be consolidating all the mathematical skills we have learned so far as well as some new topics e.g. time, fractions and money. As always, 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

This term in computing we will be learning all about how digital devices work. We will be exploring the inner workings of computers and how we can safely use devices to help us.

### SCIENCE

In science this term, we will be learning all about materials, magnets and forces. We have lots of fun experiments planned to see our learning in action!

Here are some key words that might help with this topic: push, pull, magnetic, friction, surface, effect, gravity, air resistance, accelerate, decelerate.

### FRENCH

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

### HISTORY

This term is all about Ancient Greece. We will be studying what life was like in Ancient Greece and how we have come to know so much about a civilisation that existed over two thousand years ago! We will look at ancient artefacts, myths, Gods and Goddesses.

### GEOGRAPHY

Our Geography topic for Summer Term 2 is Water, Weather and Climate. As the weather gets a little brighter outside we will be learning all about the water cycle and different climates across the world.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This term we will be returning to our Hinduism topic. We will be revisiting some of our previous learning and remembering our amazing Hinduism workshop from Autumn Term. We will be learning some more about Brahman and the importance of the River Ganges to Hindus.

### PSHE

This term we will be looking at Relationships in PSHE including what it means to be a global citizen and how to stay safe online.

### 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.

- Mrs Green

## 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. In dance, they will be learning to move to different types of music and create short dance sequences.

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

Our Games lessons this term will focus on athletics, cricket and rounders. We will be focussing on catching, throwing and coordination skills. This will prepare us well for the children's first ever CJS Sports Day!

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.

- Mr Cook

## ART AND DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

During art lessons we will be creating sculptures linked to our Ancient Greeks topic. During these lessons, we will be looking at different sculptors and the tools and materials they use.

In our final DT topic of the year, we will be learning all about textile products that have a selection of stiches, joins, fabrics and finishing techniques, fastenings and purposes. The children will then design, make and evaluate their own products using textiles.

## 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

## 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.

**Miss Buller**  
**3AB**

**Mrs Yeatman and Mrs Landrebe**  
**3EY**

**Miss Chamberlain**  
**3SC**

**Miss Dunk**  
**3GD**