

CHRISTCHURCH JUNIOR SCHOOL

YEAR 5 SUMMER TERM 2023

We hope that you had a wonderful Easter holiday. We anticipate that the children come back refreshed and ready for the challenges of the Summer Term. We cannot believe how quickly this academic year is going! The children have been working so hard and we have been so impressed at the way they have faced new challenges and conquered them over the course of the year.

ENGLISH

We will begin this term writing a non-chronological report about endangered animals. The children will have opportunities to put their research skills to good use, searching online to find out information about their chosen animals and recording this initially in note form. They will explore what features are specific to report writing and then use these skills creatively to produce their own reports.

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

MATHEMATICS

The children will continue their Maths learning with Maths No Problem, achieving a deep understanding of percentages, geometry and shape. 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.

We are also going to be further developing our online researching skills in accordance with our writing. We will learn how to; refine searches to find specific results and understand how search engines rank items.

ART AND DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

In DT, we are going to be making our own bread. We will be looking at different recipes and learning about the ingredients used. Then, the children will have the chance to get hands on and design and create their own bread, developing their culinary skills. Our Art lessons will link into our new and exciting History topic—the Mayans. The children will be exploring a range of Mayan artwork, identifying the colours, trends and styles used in order to produce their own Mayan influenced creations.

SCIENCE

We 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 our History topic—the Mayans. The children will be learning about their civilisation: who the Mayans are, what society was like, the type of housing they lived in and the significance of Chichen Itza.

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

In Gymnastics and Dance, we will be looking at following verbal and physical direction within technique to improve our movement ability.

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

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. 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.
- Alongside TTRS, children should be using Doodle Maths daily, aiming to get themselves in the 'green zone'. The tasks supplement our Maths curriculum and help to consolidate prior learning.
- A weekly spelling task is 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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