

CHRISTCHURCH JUNIOR SCHOOL

YEAR 5 AUTUMN TERM 2023

WELCOME BACK

It is wonderful to see Year 5 children back in school rested, eager and ready to learn. We are really looking forward to the start of a brand new school year, jam-packed with lots of exciting learning opportunities.

ENGLISH

Fiction To begin with, we will be using our imaginations to interpret the picture book 'Journey'; using clues in the images to predict where the story is going and how the characters are feeling. The children will be working on a range of literary skills involving handwriting and presentation, grammar features and homophones.

In addition, we will be using the text 'Freedom' by Catherine Johnson as a stimulus for our narrative writing. The children will focus on creating impactful, dynamic character and setting descriptions about life in slavery using literary devices such as personification, similes and metaphors.

We will also read and explore 'The Journey to Jo'burg' which coincides with our geography topic 'Slums'.

Non-fiction: Our topics of 'The Benin Kingdom' and 'Slums' will act as a stimulus for a range of non-fiction writing this term.

MATHEMATICS

Year 5 will follow the Maths No Problem curriculum. Pupils will develop their fluency (quick and efficient recall of number facts and times tables), and calculation strategies alongside reasoning and problem solving. We will continue to hone the children's efficient written methods of calculation but a large focus will be placed on applying appropriate methods to help solve problems. Real life maths will be central to our teaching and learning and it would be helpful if children could be encouraged to apply their maths at home, e.g. telling the time, working out change when shopping, measuring amounts for baking, etc. Reasoning about number, justifying and explaining answers will also form an integral part of lessons. Please ensure your child regularly practises the multiplication tables up to 12 x 12 including using TT Rock Stars.

COMPUTING

This term, in Computing, we will be looking at research skills and how children can effectively tailor their searches to find specific information. They will then use this research to create their own PowerPoint presentations to showcase what they have found out.

SCIENCE

Our first unit this term is Earth and Space. Children will find out fascinating facts about the Sun, Moon and Earth and develop an understanding of day and night and the four seasons. The Sun and the planets making up our Solar System will be investigated, along with the other stars in their constellation. To further enhance this topic, we will be visiting the Winchester Science Museum.

Our second unit will look at a range of different forces: gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction. The children will investigate how mechanisms, like levers, pulleys and gears, help us to use smaller forces.

SPANISH and FRENCH

This year, we will have our Modern Foreign Languages taught by a specialist teacher from Twynham School. Children will continue to develop their vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation in the language they studied in Year 4.

HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY

Our main History topic this term will be the Benin Kingdom. In Geography we will be learning about Slums around the world.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In R.E this year we will be looking at the Sikh religion and Christianity. This term we will begin by comparing the different ways Sikhs put their religion into practice. We will then move on to look at how Christians view the Christmas story.

PSHE: We will be following 'Jigsaw' this year which offers a mindful approach. We will begin by addressing the School values and our rights and responsibilities. In the second half term we look at celebrating difference (including anti- bullying and diversity).

MUSIC

This term we will be looking at jazz patterns using 3 and 5 note patterns. We will be learning about the instruments of the orchestra and music best connected with them.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND GAMES

Children are to come into school in their PE kits on the following days:

PE Days: 5CD—Monday & Wednesday

5CH —Monday & Thursday

5AM—Monday & Wednesday

5SF— Monday & Thursday

Shoulder length hair should be tied back (boys and girls) and all jewellery removed. Recently pierced ears must be covered with tape supplied from home.

Outdoor Games will be taught through football and dance this term.

ART AND DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

We will be using the work of Andy Warhol and the shapes of cylinders and cones to create a Year 5 Art exhibition for parents to view.

DT: Structures—Photo frames. We will be analysing a range of different designs, evaluating them and then producing and making our own.

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 Times Tables Rockstars at least 3 or 4 times a week.
- We ask that children log onto Doodle **daily** between 5-10 minutes a day which will help consolidate the learning that they do in class through our Maths No Problem scheme. All children should aim to get into the green zone each day.
- Weekly spelling task handed out each week 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 have access to Reading Plus which they are expected to be using multiple times a week. The books and reading activities on this platform will help them with both their reading fluency and their understanding of what they read. Please also encourage your child to read a range of fiction and non-fiction books.

Visits and Visitors

Winchester Science Museum—Thursday 5th October

SeaCity Museum— 2nd February

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 school year.

Miss C Dadds

Mrs A Melvin

Miss C Hassall

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