

CHRISTCHURCH JUNIOR SCHOOL

YEAR 6 SPRING TERM 2024

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 SATs are nothing to feel anxious about. Of course, if your child does have any worries please do contact your class teacher.

ENGLISH

English this term will focus on a range of genres, including narratives and information texts. We will be working hard to ensure our children have the opportunity to demonstrate their flair as an author. There will be a strong emphasis on sentence types, including relative clauses and the passive voice. In addition, we will look at how to use dialogue to progress the action within a story.

Grammar will be taught in discreet half an hour lessons, where we will look at a range of word types and punctuation.

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.

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

This term, we will be using our brand new 3d printer! We will use a programme to design a model and learn how to adapt it and make changes.

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 human eye and then move on to making electrical circuits. In addition, we will be learning about electri-

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 and GEOGRAPHY

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. In geography we are considering the impact of our ever growing population.

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

All PE and Games lessons will remain on the same days as the Autumn Term.

Long / shoulder length hair must be tied back and earring must be removed or covered.

Year will be focussing on practising ball skills this term, culminating in mini netball matches.

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!

In art, we will be looking at optical illusions and think about how to make or 2d pictures look 3 dimensional.

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. We cannot emphasise enough the importance of reading at home. Not only does this increase fluency, it broadens vocabulary and even impacts the ability to write as an author.

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

Our parent information meetings are on Thursday 1st February at 6pm OR Friday 2nd February at 8am.

The dates for the tests are as follows:

Monday 13 May: Spelling and grammar

Tuesday 14 May: Reading

Wednesday 15 May: Arithmetic and Maths Reasoning 1

Thursday 16 May: Maths reasoning 2.

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 please speak to the school office for more information. 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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Class 6CO
Year Leader

Mrs Chung/Mrs Carr
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