

Christchurch Junior School

Year 3 Spring Term 2024



WELCOME BACK

We trust that you and the children had a wonderful Christmas holiday. The Year 3 students experienced an exceptional first term, and we are delighted with how seamlessly they have integrated into our school community. We sincerely hope that they all relished their first term with us

ENGLISH

The upcoming term promises to kick off with a focus on honing the children's descriptive writing skills and encouraging them to adopt various character perspectives while delving into the art of reciting poetry. Our literary journey will revolve around the captivating narrative of 'The Firework Maker's Daughter,' where we'll not only read and write about it but also engage in the creation of remarkable fact files spotlighting extraordinary individuals. Additionally, our reading lessons will feature the enchanting tale of Mr. Penguin and the Lost Treasure. Be sure to join us as we eagerly anticipate the celebrations of World Book Day and National Storytelling Day, adding an extra layer of literary delight to our term!

MATHEMATICS

This term, we'll focus on practical problem-solving and real-life maths, including applying the four operations to mass, length, and capacity. Encourage your child to practice math at home through activities like telling time, calculating change while shopping, and measuring ingredients for baking. Please continue supporting them in learning the multiplication facts for 3s, 4s, and 8s tables. Your involvement is key to their mathematical success.

SCIENCE

Embarking on a fascinating exploration into the Human Body, we'll unravel the secrets of nutrition by answering questions like "Which foods are beneficial for us?" and "What transformations occur to our food once consumed?" Delving into the intricate workings of our physiology, we'll quench our curiosity before transitioning to the enchanting mysteries of the plant kingdom. Get ready for an enlightening journey through the wonders of biology!

HISTORY

This term, brace yourself for an impressive journey into History as your children dive into the captivating realm of the Shang Dynasty. Be prepared to be amazed by their newfound knowledge of ancient rulers and kingdoms!

GEOGRAPHY

In Geography, our focus will shift to the dynamic forces shaping our planet. Your children will explore the formation and locations of Mountains, Volcanoes, and Earthquakes, unravelling the mysteries of these awe-inspiring natural phenomena. Get ready for an educational adventure filled with historical insights and geographical wonders!

FRENCH

A specialist teacher from Twynham School will be teaching the children French every week. The children will be introduced to the language in short bursts to help continue developing their general conversation skills. They will develop their pronunciation and basic conversation skills.

PSHE

In the upcoming term, our PSHE journey will kick off with engaging discussions and learning about Dreams and Goals as per the Jigsaw scheme of work. Brace yourselves for insightful conversations during the first half term. Shifting gears in the following half term, our focus will transition to cultivating a healthy lifestyle through the 'Healthy Me' unit.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This term, our Religious Education curriculum will spotlight Christianity, delving into the exploration of Patron Saints and the significant Easter story. Your children will engage in recalling key events from the Easter narrative, fostering discussions on the essence of 'good' in Good Friday.

MUSIC

Get ready for a musical adventure in our Music class! This term, we'll be diving into the fundamentals of playing the recorder. From mastering the art of holding and creating the correct sounds to exploring the first notes and basic rhythms, your children will embark on a journey of musical discovery. They'll progress from playing tunes in unison to more intricate arrangements, including two parts and ostinato.

COMPUTING

This term, we'll be utilizing Scratch Jr to guide us in developing the skills and knowledge to code not only digital elements but also apply our coding prowess to physical objects, including the engaging Sphero mini robots. Brace yourselves for a tech-infused journey where creativity meets coding in a dynamic blend of learning and fun!

ART AND DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

This term, our young learners will dive into the captivating world of printing, with a special focus on exploring diverse textures and drawing inspiration from the renowned artist Georgia O'Keeffe. In DT, they'll venture into the realm of safe food handling while showcasing their creativity by crafting their own sandwiches and wraps. Get ready for a term filled with artistic exploration and hands-on culinary adventures!

PE AND GAMES

Indoor PE lessons will take place on Tuesday for 3CM and 3GD, Wednesday for 3LY and Thursday for 3GD. Our Games lessons this term will focus on invasion games including basketball and handball. We will be focusing on catching, throwing and coordination skills. After half term, we will be jumping straight into the Spring spirit with weekly tennis lessons.

Please ensure that all PE kit is named and worn to school on the days that the children have PE.

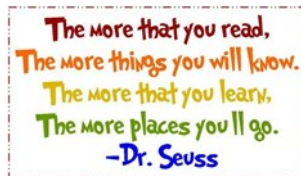
Shoulder length hair should be tied back (boys and girls) and all jewellery removed. Newly pierced ears must be covered with tape supplied from home.

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

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 colour banded book. We ask that the children read to you at least 4 times a week.



Maths

In Year 2 your children would have covered their 2, 5 and 10 multiplication and division facts. We will continue recapping these. We will then begin to learn multiplication and division facts for the 3s, 4s and 8s. Your children will be given a login to 'Times Table Rock Stars'. We recommend they play these 2 or 3 times a week for 5-10 mins.

Please continue to support the use of Doodle Maths - Little and often is best with Doodle, and therefore we would encourage children to use the platform 3 or 4 times a week, asking them to remain in the green zone.

Spellings

Spellings and Phonics are taught regularly at school. A list of spellings come home each Friday, they will then be tested on these words the following Friday.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's education or wellbeing, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher. Our priority is for your children to be happy, safe and successful in our care. Thank you again for all your support and co-operation this week.

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Miss Chamberlain

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Miss Dunk

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