

Christchurch Junior School

Year 3 Summer Term 2024



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

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. 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

SCIENCE

In science this term, we will be learning all about materials, magnets and forces. We have lots of fun experiments planned to put our learning into action! Here are some key words that might help with this topic: push, pull, magnetic, friction, surface, effect, gravity, air resistance, accelerate, decelerate.

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 1 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.

FRENCH

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

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.

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

MUSIC

Get ready to continue our musical adventure in our Music class! 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.

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. We will also be having a look at how to create and publish a word document.

ART AND DESIGN AND 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.

PE AND GAMES

Indoor PE lessons will take place on Tuesday for 3CM and 3SC, Wednesday for 3LY and Thursday for 3GD. 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 or longer hair should be tied back for all children and all jewellery removed. Newly pierced ears must be covered with tape supplied from home.

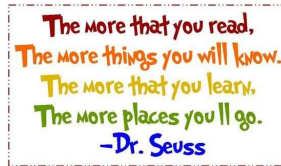
Sports Day this year for Year 3 will take place in the morning of Friday 14th June.

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 will continue to come 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. We do not have reading records but will continue to discuss their reading with the children during the school day.



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 should continue to login to 'Times Table Rock Stars'. We recommend they play these 2 or 3 times a week for 5-10 mins.

Continued usage of Doodle Maths is still an expectation this term - 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.

Our TTRockstars and Doodle Maths league will also continue. Let's see which class comes out on top this term.

Spellings

Spellings and Phonics will be taught regularly at school. We will continue to send out the week's spellings on Class Dojo each Friday, alongside our Belonging, Achieving and Growing Certificate winners.

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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