

General Information and Reminders

PE

PE will take place on Mondays. Please ensure that your child has the correct PE uniform in school every day:

- blue shorts/tracksuit trousers
- a grey t shirt
- plimsolls or a change of trainers for outside

Please ensure all clothes and plimsolls are clearly labelled with your child's name.



PE in Year 3 is taught by Mr Spadaccini.



Trips It looks unlikely that we will be able to conduct any trips this term. However, where possible, we will try to invite visitors and workshops into school and conduct local visits if they are relevant and can be done safely. Information about any trips outside school will be sent to parents separately.

Homework - We will not be setting homework tasks in the first half term of this academic year while we take stock and review how our homework works. Children should still be reading regularly at home and we will still be sending home spellings and times tables to learn and practise each week, as well as information about the learning which has taken place in school that week.

Homework Reminders for After Half Term

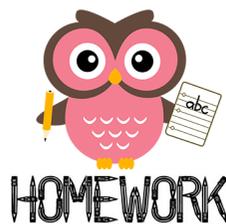
Homework will be sent home on Thursdays and is due back the following Tuesday.

Spellings and mental maths will be tested on Monday mornings.

Homework should take approximately 1½ hours per week and will cover a range of tasks.

In addition, children will be expected to read regularly and learn weekly spellings and mental maths.

If you feel that your child has spent sufficient time on his/her homework, but has not finished the work set then that is fine. We all work at different levels, so ensure your child achieves what is appropriate for his/her ability.



Class assembly

Until further notice, we are unable to hold any class assemblies where parents and carers are invited into school to watch. When it is safe for us to do this again, we will let you know.

Reminders

- Please ensure all school clothes are named to prevent items getting lost.
- If your child is absent from school, please phone the school office on the first day of absence and write a note on his/her return.
- Your child has been given a Christ Church water bottle. Please make sure your child's water bottle is in school every day.
- **In response to parent feedback, we no longer give out cakes, sweets or any food/non-food items which are sent in from home.**



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Welcome to Year 3 Autumn Term 2020



Year Three

Class Teacher: Mr Taylor

Support Staff: Miss Foster

Other adults working with Y3: Ms James (Music), Mr Spadaccini (PE) and Mr Chelaru (French)

Welcome to all the children, parents and carers of Year 3! I hope you all enjoyed your summer break. This letter outlines our class topics and general information for this term. All the staff working in Year 3 are all looking forward to working with you and your child this year. If you have any concerns or would like further information about this term's curriculum, please do not hesitate to book an appointment to discuss these with me. Kind Regards,
Mr Bradley Taylor

Christ Church Arts Project and the Global Sustainable Development Goals

As parents will know, Christ Church is an active Rights Respecting School and we regularly seek to promote the rights of all children in everything we do. For this term's Arts Project we are taking the opportunity for classes to explore the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and, in particular, the Global Goals for Sustainable Development. With help from the class teachers, the children will select one of the 17 Global Goals, as well as one of the articles in the Convention, and produce artwork to promote them. Some of these Global Goals include gender equality, good health, renewable energy and climate action. In our Reception class, the children will be introduced to the UNICEF symbol as they start their Rights Respecting journey through our school. We are looking forward to sharing our art work with parents in some way later in the term. <https://www.globalgoals.org/>



English



English this term will be taught through a range of genres focusing on myths and legends, poetry and recounts. Reading a range of texts (both fiction and non-fiction within class and at home) will benefit your child in all the genres we study. If you would like suggestions for reading at home, please do contact me.

Maths



We will be covering a range of topics:

- Place value
- Addition
- Subtraction
- Multiplication
- Division
- Money
- Times tables

Computing



This term, we will be using Scratch to create our own animation. We will spend time learning about all of the key skills needed to use the program. We will also look at e-Safety and use our word processing skills to type up some of our writing.

RE



This term will focus on thinking about how belief in God affected the actions of people in the Old Testament. We will look at some key biblical figures and think about how we can relate their actions to our own lives today. We will also be thinking about Remembrance this term and focusing on why remembering is important to support future peace. After half term, we will be exploring Advent, the Epiphany and how these are special celebrations at Christmas time.

History



Our class topic for this term is Ancient Egypt. We will be learning about the uses of the River Nile, gods and goddesses, Tutankhamun and lots more! We will be making the most of the internet and technology to visit, virtually, a range of relevant museums and places around the world.

Geography



In geography this term, we will be investigating human and physical geography of the South East region of the UK (including London). We will think about topics like cliff erosion and the uses of the River Thames. We will also consider the history of Hampstead and how it has developed over time. Any opportunities to read and use maps at home will be invaluable!

PSHE



Our PSHE week takes place during the week commencing Monday 9th November 2020 and will focus on positive relationships (including anti-bullying) and celebrating diversity. In Year 3 we will be learning about what makes a good friendship; how to deal with secrets and dares; and how the differences between us arise from a number of factors.

PE



In PE this term, we will be practising ball skills in both basketball and netball: handling and passing, dribbling, shooting and defending. We will learn different types of passing (chest pass, bounce pass) and use our communication skills to develop our game tactics.

Music



Unfortunately, music is a curriculum area which will be constrained by current guidelines in combination with the physical size and space available to us in school. Any group singing and playing of certain instruments (including the recorder) will not be able to take place. Instead, we will aim to explore music, composers and musical notation at an age-appropriate level. We hope that our wonderful music curriculum will resume very soon, when it is safe to do so.

Art



Art this term will mainly be linked to our topic of Ancient Egypt; we will be using mono-printing to replicate Egyptian art and creating 3D relief sculptures of Egyptian masks. We will also be using watercolour paints to experiment with colour mixing.

Design Technology

This term, design and technology will focus on the use of pneumatics and levers to create movement. We will research real world uses of pneumatics and produce 3D Christmas cards with moving parts.

Please see the reverse for general reminders and some key dates!