

## General Information and Reminders

### PE

PE will take place on Thursdays. 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 4 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.

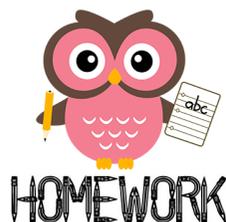
**Homework** - We will not be setting homework tasks in the first half term of this academic year while we take stock and review how our homework works. Children should still be reading regularly at home and we will still be sending home spellings and times tables to learn and practise each week, as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

### Homework information for after half term

Homework will be sent home on Thursdays and is due back the following Tuesday. Spellings will be set on Thursdays and tested on Mondays. Mental maths tests and x tables will be on Mondays.

Homework should take approximately 1½ hours per week and will cover a range of tasks including: reading regularly; learning weekly spellings; mental maths.

If you feel that your child has spent sufficient time on his/her homework but has not finished the work set 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.**



# Christ Church School, Hampstead

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## Welcome to Year 4

## Autumn Term 2020



# Year Four

Class Teacher: Miss Brenta

Support Staff: Miss Morris

Other adults working with Y4: Mr Spadaccini (PE), Mr Chelaru (French), Miss James (Music)

Welcome to Year 4! I hope you all had a wonderful and well-deserved summer break. This leaflet outlines our class topics and general information for this term. We have already been working very hard and looking forward to what is coming up this term. As always, if you have any worries or concerns or would like further information about this term's curriculum, please do not hesitate to book a phone appointment to discuss these with me.

Kind regards, Miss Lauren Brenta

## 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 will be taught through the genres of newspapers and letters, as well as syllabic poetry. We will work on a range of spelling, punctuation, grammar and reading skills. Many of our lessons this half term will focus on the book 'Arabel's Raven'.

## Maths



We will be covering a range of topics:

- Place Value
- Shape and Data
- Adding and Subtracting
- Fractions

We will have a weekly times table tests and there will also be some arithmetic and mental maths tests.

## Computing



We will be using programs such as word and publisher to publish newspaper reports. We will also be working on our touch typing and on our programming skills with Probots and Scratch.

## RE



This term we will be discussing "Who is Jesus". We will look at passages from the Bible and statements made by Jesus and learn about what these mean to Christians and how they live their lives. We will think about the different ways Jesus describes himself: as the light of the world, bread, the good shepherd and a vine. We will then move on to look at the Beatitudes which Jesus taught during the Sermon on the Mount. Finally, our learning at Christmas time will focus on the message of peace at Christmas time.

## History



In the first half of this term we will be learning about Prehistory. We will be looking at how people lived in the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages and comparing it to our lives now. We will continue our journey through time by looking at the Romans and the Roman Empire. We will learn about life in Roman cities in Britain such as Bath.

## Geography



Geography this term will look at the continents and we will practise our atlas skills by searching for the countries of Europe. We are then going on to study climate zones and biomes and find out how these can create certain weather patterns. We will also look at earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanoes and why they occur.

## PSHE



Our PSHE week takes place during the week commencing Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and will focus on positive relationships (including anti-bullying) and celebrating diversity. In Year 4 we will be learning about appropriate physical contact and working collaboratively.

## PE



In PE lessons with Mr Spadaccini, Year 4 will be focusing on Health and Fitness. They will set realistic targets of times and distances to achieve and identify elements of their own performances that could be improved, as well as give constructive feedback to their peers.

## 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



We will create our own cave paintings using Modroc, inspired by the cave paintings in Lascaux, France. We will also be making volcanoes in Geography, using Papier-mâché, as well as creating art work for our school Art Exhibition, taking inspiration from famous artists.

## Design Technology

We will be focusing on shell structures and designing, creating and evaluating packaging for biscuits as a Christmas gift. We will consider how we can strengthen our packaging in different ways.

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