

General Information and Reminders

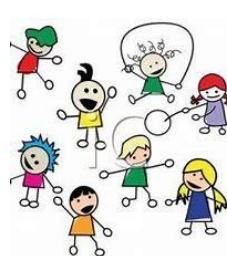
PE

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 4 is taught by Mr Spadaccini. The children will also be going to Hampstead Heath on **Friday afternoons**. This is a reasonable walk from school so please ensure that children do have tracksuit trousers, trainers and waterproof coats.



Trips/Virtual Visits

Buckingham Palace - 26th September

Stone Age Survival on Hampstead Heath - date TBC

Emergency! Earthquakes and Volcanoes Show at the Natural History Museum - date TBC

Homework

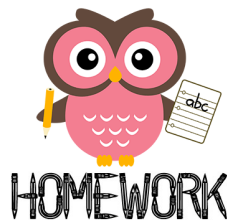
Homework will be sent home on Thursdays and is due back the following Tuesday.

Spellings and mental maths will be sent home on *Thursday* and tested on *Tuesday or Wednesday*.

Homework will cover a range of tasks and subjects over the term.

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 that is fine. We all work at different levels, so ensure your child achieves what is appropriate for his/her ability.



Class assembly

Our class assembly this term will take place on Friday 13th October. All parents, carers and family members are warmly invited!

Reminders

- Please ensure all school clothes are named to prevent items getting lost.
- If your child is absent from school, please phone/email the school office on the first day of absence and keep us updated on any further days of absence.
- Your child has been given a Christ Church water bottle. Please make sure your child's water bottle is in school every day.
- **Please do not send sweets or any food/non-food items into school to celebrate birthdays, we are unable to hand these out to the other children in the class. Thank you.**



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Welcome to Year 4

Autumn Term 2023



Year Four

Class Teachers: Mr Polidano and Miss Kaynak
Other adults working with Y4: Mr Spadaccini (PE), Mr Oliver (Music)

Welcome to Year 4 and to a new and exciting school year.

We hope you all had a wonderful summer. This letter outlines our class topics, trips and general information for this term. All the staff in Year 4 are very much looking forward to working with you and your child this year. If you have any worries or 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 Polidano and Miss Kaynak

Christ Church Arts Project (CAP)

Our Arts Project this term will focus on creating art work inspired by a range of different artists and promoting the UN's sustainable development goals.

We are looking forward to sharing our work with parents and families in an art exhibition in November.



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 and complete a number of extended pieces of descriptive writing. Many of our lessons this half term will focus on the book 'Lights on Cotton Rock' by David Litchfield.

Maths



Topics:	Key Learning:
Place Value	We will recap numbers to 1000 before moving on to partitioning, representing and rounding numbers to 10,000.
Addition and Subtraction	Adding and subtracting 4 digit numbers with more than one exchange, efficient subtraction and checking strategies.
Measurement: Area	Understanding what area is, counting squares to calculate area, making shapes and comparing areas.
Multiplication and Division	Learning the 3, 6, 9 and 7, 11 and 12 times tables, including division facts and solving problems; multiplying 3 numbers.

Computing



We will be building our coding skills by using Rodocodo this term. We will learn about online safety through opportunities to carry out research and use different programs to publish some of our work.

RE



We will begin by learning about how belief in God affects the actions of people from the Old Testament, thinking about key stories and characters from the Bible. Our next topic will focus on the Beatitudes, which Jesus taught during the Sermon on the Mount. Finally, our learning at Christmas time will focus on the important message of peace at Christmas and what this means for Christians.

History



We will begin by learning about Prehistory. We will be looking at how people lived in the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages and comparing this to our lives now. We will then 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, and learn about the impact they had on aspects of life in Britain.

Geography



Geography this term will look at the continents and we will practise our atlas skills by searching for the countries of Europe. We will then move on to learn about 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 and Happiness Project



Our whole school **Happiness Project** this term will focus on ten themes, including goal setting, healthy body, try something new, resilience and belonging, which can help us all to develop positive strategies to support our own and others' mental health. Our PSHE weeks this term will focus on two of the other themes in the Happiness Project: building positive relationships with friends and family and celebrating diversity. Our Year 6 Anti-bullying champions will help to refresh our learning about how to be an upstander too.

PE



In PE lessons with Mr Spadaccini this term, the children will be focusing on developing skills which will lead to invasion games such as basketball and netball. They will work specifically on improving their technique for throws for different games, for example, a chest pass.

Music



This term the children will begin to explore working as an ensemble, choosing their own instrument and learning their own parts for Shotgun by George Ezra. They will also learn and perform the Katanga folk song Si Si Si through singing and playing & composing new rhythms.

Art



We will create our own cave paintings using Modroc, inspired by the cave paintings in Lascaux, France, and learn about how to create and paint on a textured surface. We will also use a viewfinder to help us focus on particular areas of an image or landscape.

Design Technology

Our DT project this term will focus 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.

French



Year 4 will be beginning to write simple phrases and ask and answer questions in French this term. They will be practising intonation for questions, correct pronunciation and using adjectives.

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