

## General Information and Reminders

### PE

PE will take place on Thursdays and Fridays. 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 6 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. We will go in most weathers!



### Trips/Virtual Visits

Buckingham Palace - 21<sup>st</sup> September  
School Journey - 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> October  
British Museum - Date TBC

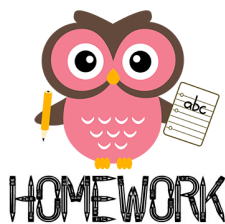
### Homework reminders

Homework will be sent home on Thursdays and is due back the following Tuesday. This will include the spelling practice books once this is up and running in a few weeks' time. Spellings and mental maths will be sent home on Thursday and tested on Thursday.

Homework will cover a range of tasks and subject areas. In addition, children will be expected to read regularly and learn weekly spellings and arithmetic skills.

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.

On occasion, work can be handed in through Google Classroom. For example, when handing in presentations or typed work.



### Class assembly

Our class assembly will be on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October. In this assembly, we will be sharing our PGL experience.



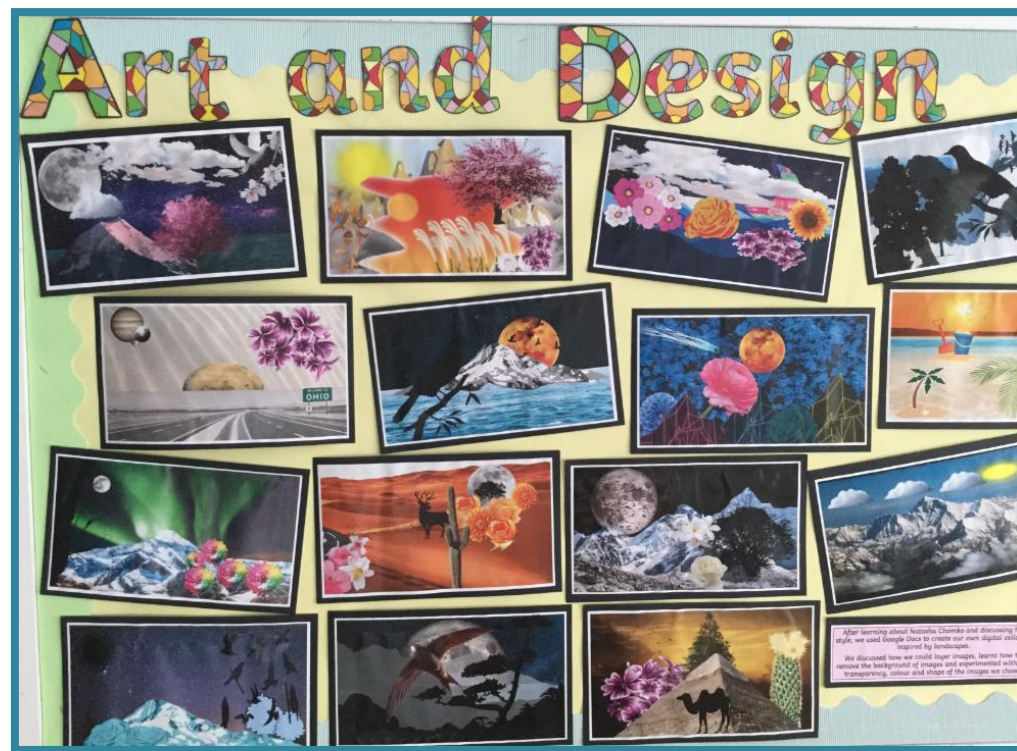
### Reminders

- 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.**



# Christ Church School, Hampstead

A village school in London inspiring *life in all its fullness*



## Welcome to Year 6

## Autumn Term 2023



# Year Six

Class Teacher: Mrs Pagnello

Other adults working with Y6: Mr Spadaccini (PE), Mr Oliver (Music) and Madame Pugalia (French)

Welcome to Year 6 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 6 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, Mrs Pagnello

## 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.



## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



## English



English will be taught through a range of genres this term, including a variety of fiction, starting with a unit based on the Anthony Horowitz book titled, Stormbreaker. We will explore devices writers use to both entertain and inform the reader. We will write play scripts, letters, character and setting descriptions, a newspaper report and a non-chronological report.

## Maths



| Topics:                          | Key Learning:  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Number:<br>Place Value           | Recap numbers to 1 million; partitioning; ordering and rounding numbers to ten million; negative numbers; powers of 10.    |
| Number:<br>+, -, x and ÷         | Problem solving with addition and subtraction; long multiplication and division; order of operations; prime numbers.       |
| Number:<br>Fractions             | Equivalence; adding and subtracting mixed numbers; comparing and ordering; multiplying and dividing; fractions of amounts. |
| Measurement:<br>Converting Units | Metric measurements; converting and calculating metric measurements; miles and kilometres; imperial measures.              |

## Computing



This term, we will be building upon our previously learnt skills in Rodocodo and we will focus on how we can look for the most efficient code. We will also be using Google Docs to publish newspaper reports that we will write in English.

## RE



We will begin by considering the question, "What might the journey of life and death look like from a Christian perspective?" We will think about how life is like a journey and learn about how the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and marriage influence a Christian's life. We will also learn what Christians believe happens after we die. Our Christmas topic will consider the question, "How would Christians advertise Christmas to show what Christmas means today?" and we will make our own advertisements in small groups.

## History



We will be learning about how the Ancient Greeks influenced the way we live our lives today. We will learn about the geography of Ancient Greece as well as Ancient Greek Olympics, mythology, democracy, architecture and science! We will also be building on our skills in history by analysing sources. All of our work will be supported by a trip to the British Museum later this term.

## Geography



We will be considering how places and people around the world link together. We will learn about longitude and latitude; time zones; six-figure grid references; compasses; and settlements. We will also learn about different settlement types and then create our own. Throughout our topic, we will also consider sustainability and the impact humans have on the natural world.

## 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, we will be practising ball skills in basketball: handling and passing, dribbling, shooting and defending. We will also be learning about key skills in netball, including pivoting and passing. We will continue to develop our leadership skills as well as our game play tactics.

## Music



We will continue our ensemble skills through learning and performing Every Day People by Sly & The Family Stone. There will be a musical focus on changing chords on the offbeat and performing with character and conviction. We will learn how to construct major scales and apply them into improvisation. We will also learn and perform the Ghanaian folk song, Oh Mama Bia.

## Art



We will be learning how to make a digital collage, using the work of artist Natasha Chomko for inspiration. We will also use our sketchbooks to explore print techniques before creating our own prints. We will also be making detailed analytical drawings using a variety of shells as a focus.

## Design Technology

We will be creating 3-D, sewn Christmas decorations. We will tinker with stitch types, using both blanket and running stitch and practising these before we sew our decoration. We will evaluate our initial products and consider what went well and what can be improved before making a final piece.

## French



We will be building on our previous French knowledge and learning to develop both vocabulary and grammar skills, working towards writing short paragraphs in French to describe ourselves and others.

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