

General Information and Reminders

Top tips for supporting at home this term:

We have carefully thought about some key areas of the curriculum that can be supported at home. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

- In the summer term, Year 4 will take part in the National Statutory Multiplication Check. It is important that they are securely confident and fluent with all times tables to x12 by then. As such, we will have weekly tests and regular practice using online tests. Please help and encourage your child to learn their times tables through Times Tables Rockstars, songs, games and websites such as <https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

- Reading regularly at home with an adult, focusing on comprehension of texts, will help children to access all areas of the curriculum and gain a better understanding of the things they read. Please use the question prompts I have sent home to support with this.

- We will be introducing the children to decimals, up to two decimal places, this year. Please help your child see how we use decimals in everyday life by showing them in money, measuring, etc.

- The children will need to be secure with reading analogue and digital time. Please work with your child to tell the time at different points in the day, and consider how long things will take - e.g. *If the movie starts at X time and runs for 93mins, what time will it end?*

PE

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 shoes are clearly labelled with your child's name.**



Trips and key dates for this term - put in date order

Friday 11th September - Buddhist Centre

Wednesday 30th September - National Portrait Gallery

Thursday 26th November - Whole school Art Exhibition

Wednesday 16th December, 2pm - KS2 Carol Singing

Please also see dates in school newsletters

Class assembly

Our class assembly this term will take place on Friday 4th December at 10am. All parents, carers and family members are warmly invited!

Homework

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

Spellings will be sent home on Thursday and tested on Monday or Tuesday. Arithmetic and Times Tables will also be tested on these days.

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

If you feel that your child has spent sufficient time on their 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 their ability.



Reminders

- Please ensure all school clothes/coats are named to prevent items getting lost.
- If your child is absent from school, please 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

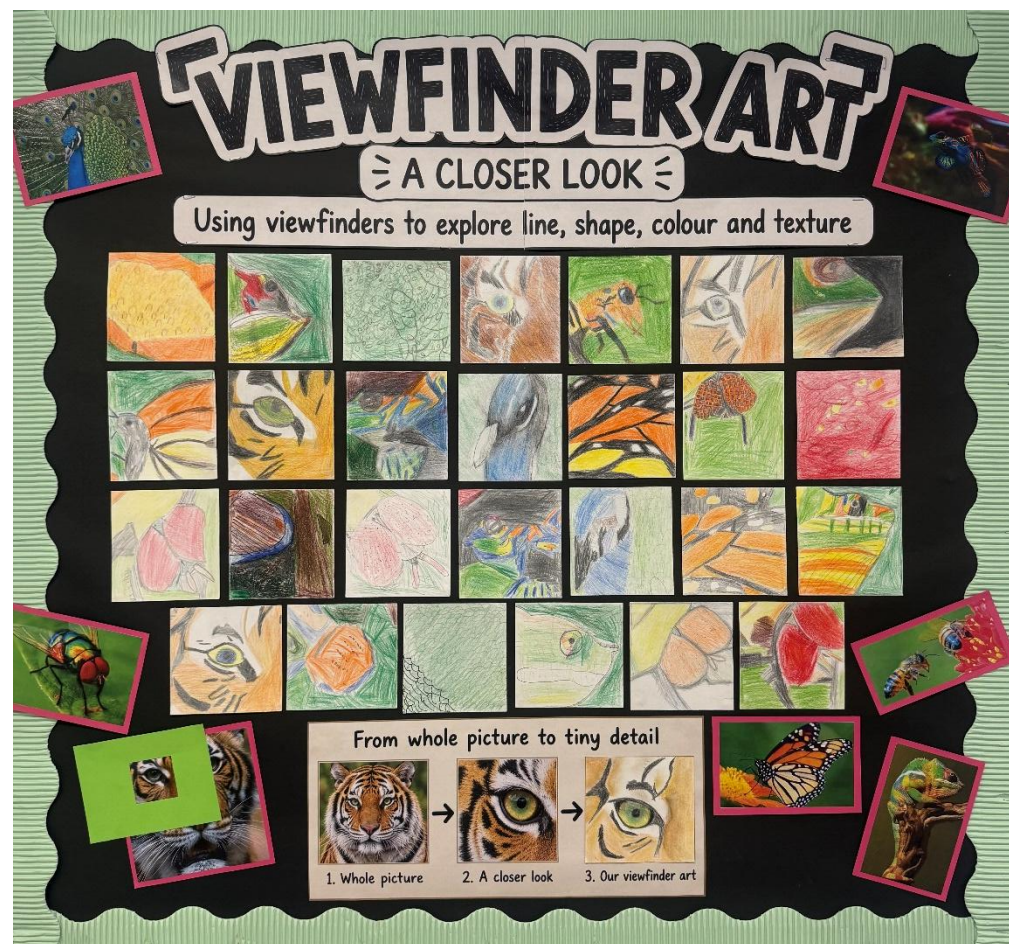
water bottle is in school every day.

- 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.



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Welcome to Year 4

Autumn Term 2026



Year Four

Class Teacher: Mr Polidano and Mr Pitman

Other teachers working with Year 4: Mr Spadaccini (PE),
Mr Oliver (Music), Ms Miller (Computing), Ms Dias (French)

Our whole team of excellent teaching assistants work in classes and playgrounds across the school.

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.

Remember the school day starts at 8.50am when the bell rings in the playground - please make it a new school year resolution to help your child to be on time every day!

Kind regards, Mr Polidano

'Try Something New' week!

Look out for 'Try something new' week between 12th - 16th October!
Year 6 will be trying lots of new things during the week at their residential trip to a PGL activity centre in Dorset while all the other classes will be trying lots of new activities at school and on local trips.

We know that trying new activities helps to keep us interested and curious which helps our well-being and positive mental health. We use the week to talk to children about how they feel before and after trying something new and to help children to build resilience and overcome any anxiety about new activities. Look out for curling, kayaking and bread-making!

English



This term, 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. We will complete a number of extended pieces of descriptive writing. This term, many of our lessons 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.
Geometry - Shape	Focusing on angles, comparing and classifying shapes according to their properties, and lines of symmetry.

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. We will also be practising our touch typing using the website christchurchnw3.edclub.com



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.

After half term, we will focus on the important message of peace at Christmas and we will try to answer the question 'Is the Christmas message of peace still relevant for today's world?'

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, even to this day.

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



PSHE week will take place in the week commencing 9th November and will focus on positive relationships and friendships as well as celebrating differences. There will also be a whole school Anti-Bullying Day. We will focus on friendships and healthy relationships, physical contact, prejudice and discrimination, privacy, and responding to feelings.

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 Little Light of Mine / Seven Nation Army - Our Year 4 musicians will learn and sing an expressive call-and-response Gospel song based on a pentatonic scale. They will also continue to develop their instrumental and ensemble skills by learning and performing an adapted version of Seven Nation Army by The White Stripes.

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 be using 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. We will be practising intonation for questions, correct pronunciation and using adjectives.

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