



CHRIST CHURCH CofE VC JUNIORS

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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable break and are looking forward to the exciting term ahead.

Our topic

Please see overleaf for information about our topic this term. You can find all this information and more on our Lower Band page on our website. Don't forget to keep checking our class pages and our twitter account @CCJDownend for regular updates about the learning going on in class.

PE kits

Just a gentle reminder that PE kits should be kept in school every day during term time. Occasionally – and especially due to adverse weather – PE days change and if PE kits are already in school, children will not miss out. Please make sure your child's PE kit is named so that they can find it easily. PE kit should consist of:

- a blue t-shirt with the CCJ logo or a plain blue t-shirt
- black or grey shorts or tracksuit bottoms
- trainers for outside

Homework

An overview of homework will be sent out on Thursday and published on the website. We were so proud of all the amazing home-learning projects which we received last term and we are already looking forward to seeing this term's work. As with last term, there will also be weekly maths task set on Thursdays which needs to be handed in on Tuesdays.

Spellings

Following parental feedback, we have made some changes to the way in which spellings will be set and tested. Look out for more information when spellings are handed out on Friday!

New start of day arrangements

From today, children in the Lower Band will be able to enter through the cloakroom door (3SG, 3DK and 34AD) or the door at the end of the year 4 corridor (4RH and 4GE) as soon as the bell sounds at 8:45am. Mr Desmond will be monitoring the door to the cloakroom area to ensure everyone can enter the building safely and calmly. The doors will be locked at 8:55am and children will then need to report to the school office. We hope these new arrangements will allow a prompt start to the day and reduce the amount of time children will spend outside now it's getting chilly!

Thank you for your continued support.

The Lower Band Team

Mr Desmond, Mrs Elliott, Miss Harris, Mrs Knott, Mrs Groves, Mrs Payne, Mrs Pollock, Mrs Martin and Mrs Lovell



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Our topic this term: How does electricity flow?

To kick off our topic, we will be visiting 'We The Curious' (formerly @Bristol) in Bristol city centre to learn all about how electricity works. We will also have the chance to explore all the other amazing science-related exhibits on offer!

Literacy

In our writing lessons, we will be writing lively, engaging stories and creating instructions for our work in science and DT. We will be focussing on using adjectives and prepositions (in expanded noun phrases), adverbs, conjunctions and speech punctuation. You can help your child with speech punctuation by looking at the punctuation authors use when writing characters' speech in stories.

Maths

This term, we will be continuing our work on addition and subtraction before moving on to multiplication and division. If you would like to help your child at home, please continue to help them learn their multiplication tables (Y3: concentrate on 3x, 4x and 8x and Y4: concentrate on 6x, 7x and 9x)! Please see your child's teacher for more ideas or for information about what is being covered in each class week-by-week.

Science and DT

In science and design technology, we will be investigating products containing electrical components and evaluating their uses. We will learn all about simple circuits and what is necessary for an electrical circuit to work correctly. Finally, we will use our learning to design our own exciting electronic product ready for Christmas!

Religious Education

Our focus this term will be on festivals and celebrations. We will be learning about and comparing celebrations from different religions such as Diwali, Advent and Christmas.

Personal, Social and Health Education

In PSHE, we will continue our focus on building healthy and respectful friendships.

French

This term we will be starting French! We will be learning how to greet each other and to communicate basic information about ourselves such as our names and ages.

Computing

In computing, we will be covering programming. We will be learning about using simple instructions to create an algorithm and how to check algorithms to make sure that they function properly.

PE

Indoor PE this term will be table tennis and we will be playing tag rugby in outdoor games. In both, we will be concentrating on the importance of team work, attacking and defending. Please make sure your child's PE kit is in school every day.