



CHRIST CHURCH CofE VC JUNIORS

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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back - we hope everyone had a wonderful and restful Easter and had the chance to enjoy the break!

Our topic

We have a very exciting topic starting next week: *How does a fairground work?* Please see overleaf or have a look on our Lower Band page on our website for more information about our new topic, home-learning projects and the spellings lists for this term.

Year 4 Camp

We will be writing to parents of year 3 children later this term to let you know about arrangements for next year's year 4 residential camp. We are also planning to host a parents meeting to give information about all the amazing activities on offer and also answer any questions you may have, which will take place in the school hall on Thursday 26th April at 3:30pm. We look forward to seeing you then.

Homework

Once again, we were so impressed with the quality of the home-learning projects at the end of last term. We had some wonderful Easter gardens and Easter bonnets as well as a variety of informative fact-files and booklets about different creatures and plants. We were blown away by the standard of the poems which children had researched, written and performed and found it very difficult to judge the poetry competitions in class due to the very high standard of entries!

An overview of this term's homework will be sent out early next week. There will be weekly reading, spellings, a maths task and some termly home-learning projects linked to our topic.

Swimming

Children who took part in swimming last term will be continuing to go to the pool for another five sessions this term (on Wednesday 11th, 18th and 25th of April and Wednesday 2nd and 9th May). Please remember to send your child's swimming kit and towel on these days.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Lower Band Team

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



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Our topic this term: How do fairgrounds work?

Everybody loves a visit to the fairground...but how exactly do all those amazing rides work? We will be learning all about light and sound, including how shadows are formed, how and why the size of shadows changes, how pitch and volume work and how sounds are caused by vibrations. We will be making links between this learning and the sights and sounds you can find in a fairground! In design and technology lessons, we will be exploring different moving parts such as pulleys and levers to design our very own fairground rides. We will also learn how to incorporate electrical components using motors to power the ride. In computing, we will be learning how to use software to design and create posters and short videos to advertise the CCJ circus which will be taking place in July!

Literacy

In the Lower Band this term, we will be continuing our focus on narrative, including exploring the texts *The Firework Maker's Daughter* by Phillip Pullman and *Dragonology* by Douglas Carroll. We will also be learning how to write non-fiction texts including non-chronological reports and persuasive writing.

Maths

This term we will be concentrating on statistics (data handling), time and shape. You can help at home by practising reading the time on a range of different analogue and digital clocks. You could also help your child to read timetables – for example, planning a journey on the bus or looking to see how long programmes and films are scheduled on TV!

Religious Education

Our focus this term will be on Christianity and incarnation. We will be exploring the concept of the Trinity: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. As part of this we will also be exploring how artists have created art to express the Trinity.

Personal, Social and Health Education

In PSHE this term, we will be exploring the importance of rules and responsibilities and how they relate to our everyday lives.

PE

Indoor PE this term will be circuits and gym and outdoor PE will be tennis. Year 3 children in 34AD and some year 4 children will be continuing their swimming lessons (this will be the same group who went before Easter). Please make sure your child's named PE kit is in school every day as we are unable to lend any PE kits.

Music

Year 3 will be learning how to play the recorder and year 4 will be taught by how to play the Ukulele by a specialist. We hope to have a short Ukulele performance in term 6 – watch this space for more details!