



Academy Status

Head Teacher: Mrs K. Pope, B.Ed. (Hons)

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all had a lovely Easter break. We are looking forward to another brilliant term with your children. We have had a fantastic first week back and it has been so lovely hearing all the children's holiday news.

This term's whole school value is 'Compassion', which we will learn more about in our school services, as well as in the classroom. We are looking forward to sharing our learning with you in our Class Celebration Service on Wednesday 20th May.

What will we be learning about in Summer Term 1?

- In English, we will be learning about suffixes, plurals, tenses and using the wonderful story of the Snail and the Whale for our own creative writing.
- In Maths, we will be learning about length and height, mass and volume and multiplication and division.
- In Science, we will be learning about how plants grow.
- In RE, we will be looking at the question, How do stories and art express worldviews?
- In Computing, we will be learning about digital writing.
- In History, we will be answering the question, 'Why is the History of my locality important?'
- In PSHE, we will be considering our 'Relationships with others'.
- In Music, we will be learning and performing the song 'Your imagination'.
- In Art, we will be create seascapes using collage.
- In P.E, we will be building on our Invasion and Fitness skills.

Reading and homework

Books will continue to be changed once a week. Your child will take home a phonics phased book which matches their independent reading level as well as a separate 'sharing book', which you can read together with your child. Children are encouraged to read a mixture of fiction and non-fiction books to help support and build key reading skills. Can we remind parents that when your child has read to you at home, please you can write the title of the book and a comment in the reading diary, as before. If you don't write the title with a tick or comment, we will assume that you haven't had time to read it and want it left in the book bag for you to read another time. Please remember to continue to read with your child at least four times a week. This supports their reading fluency and accuracy well.

Numbots

Please also encourage your child to practise their number skills at least three times per week using the NumBots app. It is very helpful in improving their number sense and mental maths skills. The children love to be awarded with their certificates on a Friday during services.



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Phonics

Year One will continue to revisit and revise our alternative graphemes for phase 5. Please continue to practise these at home. Below is a list of useful resources which you can access online at home to support your child and help prepare them for the phonics screening check in June.

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks1bitesize/literacy/

a very good selection of interactive games focussing on phonics and sentence construction. Each is split into medium/hard/really hard and are short and fun.

www.ictgames.com/literacy.html

a great selection of games that link well with games in Letters and Sounds.

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

a selection of interactive games for all phonic phases. Mostly simple games.

P.E. kit

P.E. lessons will continue to take place on a Tuesday afternoon this term. However, please ensure your child has a named PE kit (with shorts, house t-shirt and hoodie) in school every day. PE kits can remain in school throughout the term and be taken home at the end of every half term for a freshen up.

Warmer weather

As we move into the summer months please ensure your child has a water bottle and sunhat in school everyday. Also, please ensure you apply sunscreen to your child before coming to school in the morning.

If you have any questions or queries throughout the year, please don't hesitate to contact us using the school office email addresses.

We are looking forward to another wonderful term with your children and excited about our up and coming trip to Weston Super Mare on Wednesday 24th June.

Best wishes,

Mrs Tomkins and Mrs Smart admin@christchurch-chelt.gloucs.sch.uk