

Christ Church C of E Primary School (Cheltenham) a charity



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Year 3 – Summer term

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Hopefully you have had a restful holiday and the children are keen to get back into school! We can't believe the Summer term is here already. We are looking forward to lots more exciting learning and experiences in the final term of Year 3!

Year 3 information

Please ensure that your child continues to bring a named water bottle and rain coat into school every day. As the weather gets warmer, a sun hat will be useful too. All uniform and other belongings should be **clearly labelled** with your child's name. It is your child's responsibility to look after their belongings and ensure that items of clothing are kept safe. In Key Stage 2, fruit snacks are not provided, so please ensure that your child has a healthy snack each day to eat at break time.

Learning enquiry

Our history learning enquiry this term will be: "How do artefacts help us understand the lives of people in Iron Age Britain?" Through this enquiry, pupils first identify the common features of hill forts and then investigate their likely function, not only as a defensive structure but also as a trading, meeting and ceremonial place. Our science work will focus on plants. We will explore the function of the parts of a flowering plant as well as plant lifecycles and optimum growth conditions.

Please spend some time looking at the history and science knowledge organisers that will be sent home (and on the class page of the school website) so that your child is familiar with each subject's key information. It would be useful to have a copy of each of these somewhere around your house or in the car so that you can regularly discuss the topics and quiz each other!

Reading

Reading records and books need to be brought into school **daily** by your child as the children will participate in guided reading sessions with a teacher, in addition to daily whole class reading sessions. Please comment in their reading diary so we know you have listened to them read, then we can change their book. We will continue to give the children a reading book based on their current reading phase in addition to a book of their choice to "read for pleasure". We are keen to move lots of children up to a higher reading band as we know that their reading fluency and comprehension has improved significantly in recent weeks. Please bear with us whilst we get this sorted at the beginning of term! We expect your child to read with you **four times a week** and please record in the diary. It is important that children

continue to read as much as possible at home, irrelevant of their reading ability, to improve their confidence and independence in class.

Homework

Along with reading practice, children will be provided with weekly spellings at the start of the term and will be tested on a Friday. Please ensure that your child is practising these daily. We have been learning lots of different spelling practise techniques in school so ask your child to explain and show you “spelling pyramids” or “spelling pattern colours”! The children who are regularly practising their spellings at home have significantly improved their spellings in their writing. Thank you for supporting them.

Maths homework will continue to be set on Times Table Rockstars. With regular practise, little and often, the children can really improve their recall and understanding of multiplication and division.

P.E.

P.E. will be taught on Mondays and Fridays but please ensure your child has a named kit and suitable footwear in school every day. The sessions will be indoor and outdoor so please make sure your child has a choice of clothing for the variable weather. Our sessions this half term will focus on fitness (indoor) and rounders (outdoor).

Trips

We will be attending the Cheltenham Science Festival in June. A separate letter with more details and payment information will be attached.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Kirby and Mrs Knight
Year 3 Class Teachers