

Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2019

Welcome to the start of a very exciting year for everyone at CtS. We hope you all had a restful summer and are enjoying the new year. All classes have made fantastic starts and all the adults are looking forward to all the exciting learning we will be doing this term. Our topic this half term will be 'Stones and Bones' followed by 'Heavy Metal' in the second half. We have also started learning about our class values. Clover have been learning about trust, Mustard have been studying Wisdom, Teasel have been becoming experts in compassion while Rosehip have been exploring hope. Each class will continue to focus on these values throughout the year, growing and becoming leaders in these values.

English

In English we will be writing a tale of fear based on the story of 'The Wild Girl' which will link to our history work about the stone age. After that we will be looking at Non Chronological texts. After half term we will be looking at fiction and writing a monster story using our work on 'Iron Man.' We will also be writing instructions and creating a balanced argument.

Our topics

This half term:

Stones and Bones

We will be studying the stone age and the key changes over that time. We will also be studying Rocks and soil. Looking at how they are formed and how they are used. Including different types of rocks.

Next half term:

Heavy Metal

We will be exploring the Iron Age and learning about the lives of the people that lived at that time. We will also be looking at defeating the monster stories when we study 'Iron Man' by Ted Hughes and learn

Trip This Term

In November we will be going to the MK recycling centre as part of our topic

Support at Home.

We will be sending spellings every week and the FIRM targets every half term. Please support your child in learning these and listen to your child read every day. We will also be sending one project every half term based on the learning we are doing in class.



Year 3 Mustard Clover

Mrs Matiza, and Mrs Robinson

Mrs Summerfield, Mrs Sohal
and Mrs Thompson

Library

Both year 3 classes will visit the library on **Wednesdays**. Teasel class will visit on **Tuesday** and Rosehip will visit on **Thursday**. Please make sure all books are in on these days to return or re-

Year 4 Rosehip Teasel

Mrs Whittle

Mr Marshall and Miss Stubbs
Mrs Ager and Mrs Edwards will
work with both classes



Maths

We will be teaching maths separately, but we will take the chance to link it to the topic wherever relevant. We will be looking to further develop our number and calculation skills involving problem solving, data handling and measures. We will also be deepening our understanding of the basic skills for year 3 and 4

Your child will receive a FIRM target every half-term. Please help your child to learn this target.

MFL

We will also be learning conversational French this year. So book your holidays to France now-the children will be able to help you with the lingo!

Art

We are going to be learning to sketch and we will be inspired by the works of famous artists such as Van Gogh

DT

After half term we are going to be studying pneumatics and we will use that information to design and make a moving monster, inspired by the Iron Man.

PE

At this time of year it is essential that children have a kit which is brought in on Monday and taken home on Friday: black shorts and a white t-shirt, jogging bottoms, jumper and a change of footwear such as trainers. PE times are as follows

Year 3 — Indoor: Monday
Outdoor: Tuesday,
Year 4 — Outdoor: Monday
Indoor (Teasel only): Thursday
In addition Rosehip class will be swimming on a **Tuesday** this term. Please ensure they

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We really appreciate your feedback so that we can continue to give you as much information as possible about your child's learning at Christ the Sower School. Many thanks.