

Wow! How are we in the summer term already? Can you believe it? It feels like yesterday that the children were starting here at Christ the Sower back in September. The progress your children have made already is amazing and all of the children are a credit to you and our school. The term ahead of us is exciting

This half term, our topic is called, **'Let's Grow and Fun in the sun'**. where we will learn all about the environment which we live in and how we can get travel to different places in a town, city and across the world. The children will be continuing their exploration through play and will be able to watch the effect of the seasons changing as the term goes on. We will be encouraging the children to use new vocabulary they have learnt and begin to articulate their ideas, thoughts in full sentences with connectives and model this in our day to day interactions.

We will be teaching Phonics in our Read Write Inc. sessions daily, so please ensure you read your children's books with them daily to consolidate any learning taken place that day. It is important that Home Learning books are sent in weekly to ensure your child has an opportunity to complete it in time. Spring term is the time for us to drive their learning to prepare them for their final term in Foundation and to make sure that we take every learning opportunity. Remember to share books with your child to develop a love for reading. If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything please feel free to approach one of the adults on the gate and they will happy to help.



### Communication, Language and Literacy:

- Learn new vocabulary.
- Use new vocabulary through the day.
- Ask questions to find out more and to check they understand what has been said to them.
- Engage in non-fiction books.
- Retell the story, once they have developed a deep familiarity with the text; some as exact repetition and some in their own words.
- Listen to and talk about selected non-fiction to develop a deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabulary.

### Mathematics:

- Build numbers beyond 10
- Count patterns beyond 10
- Spatial reasoning
- 1 Match, rotate, manipulate
- First, then, now Adding more
- Taking away
- 2 Compose and decompose
- Find my pattern

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

- Managing feelings
- Zones of regulation
- Developing independence
- Organising activities
- Developing speech
- Select resources needed

### Understanding of the World:

- Lifecycles
- Growing seeds and plants
- Exploring the natural world
- Looking at changes and processes
- Making observations

### Expressive Arts:

- Sketching through observations
- Creating models
- Collage using natural materials
- Creating paintings
- Exploring different mediums including water colours, pastels, and chalks

### Physical Development:

- Exploration with playdough
- Sensory activities
  - Pencil control
  - Scissor focus activities
  - Letter formation
  - Threading
  - Fine motor activities
  - Building and construction
  - Chalk on the playground
  - Daily handwriting practise
  - Dance
  - Fundamental Skills

### Important Dates:

**Thursday 15th June:**  
Mead Open Farm Trip  
*Please pay by Friday 12th May 2023*

**Friday 30th June:**  
Sports Day

### Phonics:

- Read Green or Purple storybooks
- Read 1st 6 set 2 sounds 41 sounds

**P.E Day:** Friday

**Library Day:** Monday