



# Christ Church School Newsletter 15th September 2023

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## NEXT WEEK—VISITORS, COMMUNITY EVENTS & CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT

Monday 18th September	Y4 Parents & Carers	Class meeting at 9.10am
Tuesday 19th September	Y5 Parents & Carers	Class Meeting at 9.10am
Tuesday 19th September	Y4	Trip to Chelsea Physic Garden

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

#### Reception Class:

*Whole Class*

#### Year 1:

*Miles & Eden*

#### Year 2:

*Henry & Rowan*

#### Year 3:

*Penelope & Ivan*

#### Year 4:

*Lucas & Florence*

#### Year 5:

*Delphi & Aylin*

#### Year 6:

*Max & Tiger*

### Dates for your Diary

<b>September</b>	<p><b>Tuesday 26th September</b>—Macmillan Coffee Morning 8.15am, all welcome.</p> <p><b>Thursday 28th September</b>—YR Parents Phonics and Home Reading Workshop, 9am.</p> <p><b>Friday 29th September</b>—Harvest Festival Service at Christ Church, 9am</p>
<b>October</b>	<p><b>Thursday 5th October</b>—Y1 Trip to Chelsea Physic Garden</p> <p><b>Friday 6th October</b>—Grandparents Day 9am-12pm</p> <p><b>Tuesday 10th October</b>—Y6 Trip to Bank of England</p> <p><b>Thursday 12th October</b>—Y3 Trip to London Transport Museum</p> <p><b>Monday 16th October</b>—Y4 Trip to Museum of London Docklands</p>

### RECEPTION CLASS PARENTS

#### Phonics and Home Reading Workshop

**Thursday 29th September 9am—10.30am**

# GRANDPARENTS DAY\*

**Alastair Rellie Day  
Celebrating Grandparents  
Friday 6th October  
9am—12pm**

*This term our CCHT community celebrate Grandparents, their support and inspiration alongside their cherished memories. This tradition was the idea of Alastair Rellie, a respected member of our community, a long serving Governor and a very much loved grandparent himself. This is a time to reflect with the children about older generations of our community and how they support us and how in turn we support them. Look out for further details regarding information for the day.*

*All grandparents welcome to join us for the morning.*

Follow us on our social media platforms:

[@cchtfederation](https://www.instagram.com/cchtfederation)



[@ccandhtschoolkitchen](https://www.instagram.com/ccandhtschoolkitchen)

### Secondary Transfer Meeting for Y6 Parents:

Monday 25th September at 3.30pm in the Classroom to discuss application process.



**Starting Secondary School**

Attendance 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2023			
Class	Authorised Absence	Unauthorised Absence	Number of lates
YR	1	0	0
Y1	3	0	1
Y2	6	3	0
Y3	4	0	1
Y4	1	0	0
Y5	2	0	2
Y6	4	0	0

### Mrs Wordsmith

Mrs Wordsmith is a team of artists, game designers, writers, data scientists, teachers and researchers. The company was founded in 2015 by Sofia Fenichell, a mother and writer with a simple vision: to create educational content that works.

Their aim is to improve the reading and writing outcomes of children aged 4-11, and to make word learning hilariously fun both at school and at home.

One strand of this is to have focused words to help build their vocabulary. In order to make this achievable, but also impactful, we will have a focused word of the week for each class. Children should be challenged to use it in their writing and where appropriate, when speaking, both at school and at home. The weekly words will be published in the newsletter

Week 2 – 'Beautiful' Words	
Reception	graceful
Year 1	dazzling
Year 2	flawless
Year 3	mesmerising
Year 4	impeccable
Year 5	statuesque
Year 6	chiselled



# SAVE THE DATE!!



## CHRIST CHURCH PROMISES AUCTION THURSDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 7PM SCHOOL HALL

### MESSAGE TO ALL PARENTS

#### Medical and Dietary Requirements

We are updating our medical and dietary records. If there have been any changes to your child's medical or dietary requirements, please let us know as soon as possible.

Please email: [info@ccht.rbkc.sch.uk](mailto:info@ccht.rbkc.sch.uk) for medical requirements and Head Chef **Katie Dance**: [kdance@ccht.rbkc.sch.uk](mailto:kdance@ccht.rbkc.sch.uk) for any dietary requirements.

### Uniform Reminder

- ◆ School bags only
- ◆ Red or Blue socks—no white socks
- ◆ Red or Blue hairbands only
- ◆ School or plain navy blue coats only
- ◆ Summer uniform can only be worn up to October half term—after half term no summer dresses
- ◆ Please make sure everything is labelled!





## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

*Tuesday 26th September  
School Hall—8.15-9.00am*



*Come and join us for our Macmillan coffee morning  
All welcome, parents, children, friends!*

***Donations of biscuits, buns or cakes will be gratefully accepted! Please bring in your bakes (homemade or shop bought) into the school office on Monday 25th September.***

*Macmillan is a charity that helps to improve the lives of people affected by cancer by providing specialist nurses who give medical, emotional, practical and financial support.*

*For more information, [visit www.coffee.macmillan.org.uk](http://www.coffee.macmillan.org.uk).*

### NON UNIFORM DAY

**For a donation of £1 to the Macmillan charity, children may come to school that day in their own clothes.**



### Parent Coordinators for each Year Group



***Reception Class: Sevda, mother of Mike and Joanna, mother of Amelie***

***Year One: Sophie, mother of Eden and Kimberley, mother of Ffion***

***Year Two: Jessica, mother of Otilie and Laura, mother of Archie***

***Year Three: Luisa, mother of Aemilia and Philippa, mother of Emilia***

***Year Four: Holly, mother of Florence and Olivia, mother of Rose***

***Year Five: Ayna, mother of Aylin and Alexandra, mother of Valentina***

***Year Six: Daniella, mother of Nia and Victoria, mother of Zack***

October is Black History Month in the UK, a time to recognise and celebrate the contributions of black people to British society. It is also an opportunity to empower future generations, and at Christ Church we appreciate the significance of marking and celebrating this month. A number of trips have been organized through October that are themed around Black History.



**Thursday 5th October** - 1OD, visit to the Chelsea Physic Garden - Plants, Places & People.

**Tuesday 10th October**—6NW, visit to the Bank of England—Slave Trade Workshop

**Thursday 12th October**—3NK, visit to London Transport Museum—Caribbean Journeys.

**Monday 16th October** - 4EA, visit to Museum of London Docklands— Sugar and Slavery Galleries

**Monday 16th October**—RKG, visit to Chelsea Physic Garden — bespoke trip for Black History Month.

**Friday 7th November**—5MB, visit to National Portrait Gallery—Migration Stories.

## THINKING OF LEARNING AN INSTRUMENT?

We have a few spaces left for 1:1 guitar, trumpet, flute and recorder lessons.

If you interested please contact Mrs Ross: [cross@ccht.rbkc.sch.uk](mailto:cross@ccht.rbkc.sch.uk)

(For trumpet lessons, it is advisable that the children have their adult front teeth!)

### **Christ Church School Leavers**

*Here are some more lovely photos of children who graduated from Y6 in the summer:*

S— Grey Coat Hospital



E—St. Thomas Moore



I— Steyning Grammar



## **LOST VIOLIN!**

**A pupil in KS1 has lost her Yamaha Violin 1/8 size, model V5SC.**

**Please could you keep an eye out around school and in the music rooms incase you come across it, thank you.**



1 Yamaha V5SC Size

**PLEASE READ**

## FUNDRAISING AT CHRIST CHURCH & HOLY TRINITY



Christ Church & Holy Trinity actively fundraise throughout the year to raise money for specific school initiatives that reinforce the academic lives of all the children in the federation. Through our parent Fundraising Committee and Parent Coordinators, together we forge positive relationships between parents and teachers and the wider community, to enrich our pupils' educational experience and contribute to the well-being of the schools.

### **Our Aim:**

Our fundamental aim is to achieve all that is best for our pupils. Parents contribute to this partnership by giving up their time, offering their talents, or through monthly standing order donations or one-off contributions. We value our parents involvement and want our relationship to be a catalyst for positive change. We are driven by our mission to support and empower the children by making forward-thinking progress to the way in which they learn and flourish.

### **How?**

In order to raise these funds we host our annual Promises Auction and Elf Auction at Christmas, as well as other events and activities such as Quiz Night, regular Cake Sales, termly Book Fairs, Art Sales, Bike Rides, Plant & Bulb sales, Christmas Tree sales, a virtual walk around the world in 2021 and a walk from Hampton Court to Christ Church in 2023. Throughout the year we introduce new products and items in our online school shop where all profits from the purchase of these items go towards our federation enrichment programme, maintaining our co-curricular education to the high standards we continue to aspire to.

**[www.cchtshop.com](http://www.cchtshop.com)**



Our fundraising efforts are not solely achieved through our parent partnership work, we apply for government grants and bids and receive generous donations from Charitable Trusts and individual donors wishing to make a significant difference to our work, and they do. Pooling all of our resources is vital and it is how and why we are the schools that we are today. However, with the increase in the cost of living and many government cuts we must continue to give our time, money and efforts for the sake of our children's education. How can you help:

### **STANDING ORDERS**

Families giving regularly is unbelievably valuable to the schools as it means we can plan ahead to commit these funds year on year to pay for specialist teachers, tutors, educational visits and visitors. The committed standing orders range from £5 per month to £500 per month. Families give as they see fit and as they can afford. All amounts make a real and tangible difference to the quality of education we are able to provide for the children. If you do not already contribute regularly please consider whether this is something you could commit to. Any amount would be hugely appreciated and it is totally anonymous. Please also try to reassess your contribution when a new sibling starts. As of May 2023 it costs the school £100 per child per month to provide the fully rounded education they are currently receiving. Did you know that if you are a UK tax payer, for every standing order donation the school receives an extra 25% in gift aid which will be added automatically by donating here:



**DONATE HERE**

## **VOLUNTEERING**

We have an army of volunteers who help our children. They consist of parents, local residents, ex-pupils and friends of the school. They help by sharing their expertise – be it in boilers, art, sport, cooking or sewing. Volunteers help us by coming to school to listen to our children read, helping with spelling and times tables, manning the Book Fair or a stall at our Summer or Christmas Fairs, accompanying the pupils on class trips or selling second-hand uniform, plants & bulbs or cakes. At Christmas time we require help packing and wrapping items sold through our school shop, making Christingles or ticketing tombola prizes. Our parents bake and make for the sake of our children's education – and they even paint too, thanks to a brilliantly willing and able set of volunteers who painted the entire outdoor play area at Christ Church last year. Volunteers are integral to the success of our big fundraising events where many skill sets come in to play and a whole host of extra pairs of hands are needed.

**If you would like to help in any way please contact: Katie Rose [krose@ccht.rbkc.sch.uk](mailto:krose@ccht.rbkc.sch.uk)**

## **EASY FUNDRAISING**

Collect free donations every time you shop - at no extra cost to you!

All you need to do is register and every time you shop online the retailer makes a donation to the school.



### **Christ Church**



### **Holy Trinity**



## **AMAZON WISH LIST**

We are happy to announce that we have our very own Amazon Wish List! From books, class room resources, stationery, arts and craft supplies, gardening resources and event materials, you can make a direct impact on the resources we need to enable staff and pupils to enjoy a wide range of learning experiences.

Staff have been busy adding resources and supplies to the list and will continue to add items over the school year. If you find something you would like to purchase – just add it to your basket and follow the same procedures as it you were ordering something for yourself. The items will then be delivered directly to the school. This is a wonderful way of giving to the school and making a direct impact for the resources we need.

### **Christ Church C of E Primary School :**



### **Holy Trinity C of E Primary School :**



# SHEEP & SHEPHERDS TEDDY BEAR PICNIC



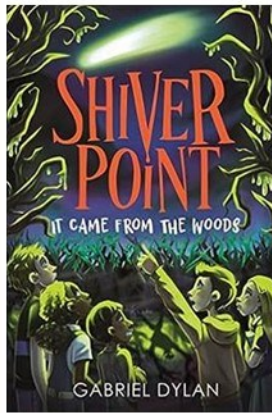


## Recommended Read



### Shiver Point (ages 9-11 & up)

**Author:** Gabriel Dylan **Publisher:** Piccadilly



Alex only moved to Shiver Point a few months back because his Mum had to relocate for work. She does long shifts as a nurse and money's tight.

So, when a bright light streaks across the night sky and seems to land somewhere in Howlmoor Forest, Alex sees a potential opportunity to make some quick cash. His geography teacher says that pieces of fallen meteorite can fetch good prices which is the only reason he is trekking through a wood in the middle of the night.

But four other kids have had the same idea. And they are not alone.

A sinister, shadowy figure with huge teeth and a terrifying screech for a voice is watching them and, although they run, the kids can't hide for long.

At about 150 pages, this is a short, snappy rollercoaster of a horror story with a skilful build-up of tension from 'This sleepy town is so bland, nothing ever happens here' to 'Aargh, we're all going to die!'.

Populated by mysterious exploding slugs, black goo and zombified townsfolk, this tale of five misfits who must work as a team to defeat the invaders will have wide appeal.



### Harvest Assembly Friday 22nd September 2023 9.15pm Christ Church



Please join at our Harvest assembly which will take place on Friday 22nd September at Christ Church Church. All donations will go to the St Luke's Community Foodbank, which each Tuesday provides food for about 125 people.

**Items needed are: long-life milk or non-dairy equivalents; tea bags; instant coffee; jam; marmalade; tinned food (soup, spaghetti, ravioli, meat, fish, vegetables, fruit, rice pudding, chopped tomatoes, baked beans, lentils, chickpeas, kidney beans, butter beans, cannellini beans) and toiletries (bars of soap, shower gel, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, feminine care products, razors and shaving crème, deodorant, body lotion and toilet rolls).**

**For those of you wishing to give a cash donation, it would be very much appreciated and the money will be used to weekly purchase rice, pasta, sugar, biscuits, savoury crackers, cereals or porridge as these items can no longer be stored in the crypt for hygiene reasons.**



## Harvest

**NatWest Bank, Sort Code: 60-05-14, Account Number: 29615410, Account Name: PCC of St Luke and Christ Church Chelsea, Reference: Foodbank Donation.**

**In times of greater need than ever, we are very grateful for your generosity to those who are less fortunate.**



**THE ABSOLUTE  
BEST CHRISTMAS  
FAIR!**

**Please come along and  
bring your friends...**

**Wednesday  
22nd November  
9.30am-7pm &  
Thursday  
23rd November 2023  
9.00am-5.00pm at  
CHELSEA TOWN HALL  
Kings Road SW3 5EE**

**FREE ENTRY**

A donation from proceeds will be made to local school, Christ Church C of E Primary School Chelsea.  
Contact: @nataliavioletantiques on instagram

**ALL ABILITIES & AGES ♦♦♦ FREE TASTER SESSIONS ♦♦♦ MEMBERSHIP VACANCIES**



**2023-24 Season**

Training starts on  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September  
See website for updates

**LONDON WAYFARERS HC**

**JUNIOR SECTION**

<p><b>Mixed U6, U7 &amp; U8</b> Sundays, 0900-1000 @ Battersea Park School years 1, 2 &amp; 3 (Reception if parents stay and help)</p> <p><b>Girls U9-U12</b> Sundays @ Wimbledon High School Girls U9: 0900-1030, Girls U10: 1030-1200, Girls U11: 1200-1330, Girls U12: 1330-1500</p> <p><b>Girls U13 &amp; U14</b> Sundays, 1200-1330 @ Battersea Park</p> <p><b>Girls U15 &amp; U16</b> Sundays, 1330-1500 @ Battersea Park</p> <p><b>Boys U10-U12</b> Sundays 1000-1130 @ Streatham &amp; Clapham High School</p> <p><b>BU13-U16</b> Sundays, 1500-1630 @ Dulwich College</p>	<p>Thriving junior section which offers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Membership vacancies in most year groups (age 5-18)</li> <li>• Free taster sessions</li> <li>• Annual camps and clinics programme</li> <li>• Experienced, qualified, DBS-checked coaches</li> <li>• Catering for all abilities from complete beginner, to junior international, entry level festivals to men's and ladies' senior national league hockey</li> </ul>
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To register visit [www.londonwayfarers.com](http://www.londonwayfarers.com) & click **JOIN NOW** or email [lwhcmemberships@outlook.com](mailto:lwhcmemberships@outlook.com)

## Tutoring and babysitting by experienced Ex-Pupil

- Preparation for 11+ entrance exams.
- Preparation for SATS
- Maths
- Italian
- French
- In person or Online
- Babysitting till late hours

Having done the 11+ entrance exams myself, and just having done my A-levels, I can help your kid achieve their dream marks by using effective revision techniques which helped me achieve my grades, alongside an enthusiastic and friendly attitude.

My name is Matteo Racana, I just finished school at Dulwich College, after having gone to Christ Church. I achieved **4 A stars** in my A-levels (including Maths) and I would love to use my skills to help your kid(s) in their exams.

Please contact me by email; [matteoracana@gmail.com](mailto:matteoracana@gmail.com)

Do not hesitate to contact my on **short notice** for babysitting.

## ST LUKE'S FOOD BANK

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

During covid it was seen that many local residents fell into food poverty. To try to help - the food bank is run every Tuesday where participants can collect a selection of both dried and fresh goods. The food bank is open to everyone and can be joined by just turning up.

**St Luke's Vestry**  
**St Luke's Church**  
**London SW3 6NH**  
**Telephone: 020 73517365**





Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September

## Reception Class Newsletter

### This week we:

- Started our baseline assessments across the seven areas of learning.
- Had so much fun at our teddy bear picnic. It was lovely to get to know our shepherds and we all enjoyed a sweet treat.
- Participated in our first KS1 assembly and our first singing assembly. Reception Class are quickly becoming confident members of our school community.
- Had our first Maths Meeting. We focused on using prepositions to describe the location of our class bear.
- Had lots of fun during our Dance lesson with our teacher, Laura.
- Developed our throwing, catching and balancing skills during our P.E. lesson with Mr. Henwood.
- Learnt how to say hello and goodbye during our Spanish lesson with Miss Aina.
- Wrote our names in cursive.
- Listened for the initial sounds in words and had a go at labelling our pictures.

### Next week we will:

- Continue our baseline assessments.
- Learn how to read and write the sounds /s/, /a/ and /t/ in our Alphabet Code lessons.
- Some of us will join our very exclusive writing groups. We will be using the Write from the Start scheme of work to practise pre-writing skills. Some of us will also begin Dough Disco in the afternoons. This activity helps to develop fine motor skills and hand strength. If you would also like to do this at home, here is a link:
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i-IfzeG1aC4>

Have a wonderful weekend 😊



## Learning at Christ Church in Year 1

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Another fabulous week in Year 1, we have been working hard getting used to our new routines.

In Maths this week we have been looking at number bonds to 5. We revised how number bonds are made of a part-part-whole and used cubes to explore all the different combinations we could come up with for number bonds to 5. We then drew pictures to show all the different parts that can make these numbers.

In English, we began learning about captions and even wrote our own! We remembered that captions give us more information about a picture. We then reviewed our writing and thought about how we could make it even better!

For Alphabet Code this week we have been looking at the /ai/ code and writing sentences using this code. Next week, we will start the /e/ code.

In Geography, we have been looking at different types of maps and drawing our own maps of the classroom from a bird's-eye view perspective.

In Science, we have been learning all about ourselves and our bodies. We revised the different body parts and then worked as a group to draw around our partners body and then labelled it all together.

In PSHE this week we have continued to look at the different zones of regulation, we have read 'The Colour Monster' and talked about the different zones the colour monster is in throughout the book!

Next week, we will read 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' and work with our friends to retell and act out the story, sequencing the main events from the beginning, to the middle and then the end. In maths next week, we will be looking at number bonds to 7, 8 and 10, using the part-part-whole model.

### Star Words of the week!

Technology, address, postcode, senses, sequence, beginning, middle, end, part-part-whole model.

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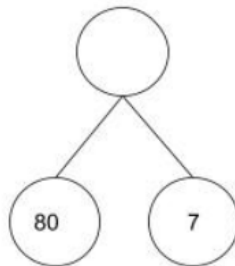


## Learning in Year 2 at Christ Church

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This week in English, we have been continuing to explore our story 'The Big Big Sea'. We have written detailed character descriptions, not only describing our character's appearance but also her feelings, motions and thoughts. As you are reading this week, try to pick out some of the key adjectives from the texts you are looking at together.

In Maths, we have been recapping place value, thinking about why we group numbers into tens as well as dealing with ones on their own. Year 2 had some excellent observations about efficient ways of counting, and we found that it was definitely much quicker and easier to count big numbers in tens and ones, rather than just ones. We have built on this idea by using lots of concrete resources (base 10) to support and show our understanding. They've also started to partition 2 and 3 digit numbers by using a part-whole method. Ask your child to complete the model below:



We enjoyed our first dance lesson with Miss Laura. We learnt some new moves and worked in groups to plan, practice and perform our own dances. We are also enjoying music with Mr Dollard and PE with Mr Henwood who are challenging and stretching our abilities.

Have a lovely weekend  
Miss Kennedy



## Learning in Year 3 at Christ Church

We have had a fabulous second week in Year 3.

In English we are continuing our study on the short film Taking Flight. We started off the week looking at what a paragraph is and came up with a fantastic paragraph about the film as a class. We then looked deeper at what makes a good sentence using conjunctions in compound sentences. Later in the week we discussed fronted adverbials to describe where, how, when or how often.

In Maths we have been focusing more on place value, getting close to the big 1000! We have been representing numbers in different forms- expanded form, using base ten, partitioning and using a place value chart. We have also been looking at different reasoning questions to practice our problem-solving skills.

In RE we introduced our topic on the Bible's Big Stories. We talked about the stories we already know in the Bible and all the authors that make up the Bible. Our question for the lesson was- If there was one message people should take from the Bible, what do you think it is?

In Art we started our topic on sculptures and discussed what sculptures we have seen around London. We talked about the choices artists make when creating sculptures, including the specific choice of materials. We then got to have a go at creating 3D sculptures from cardboard.

We had our first swimming lesson this week! It was very exciting, and Miss Lang was super impressed with everyone trying their best and getting outside their comfort zones.

### *A message from music teacher Dan:*

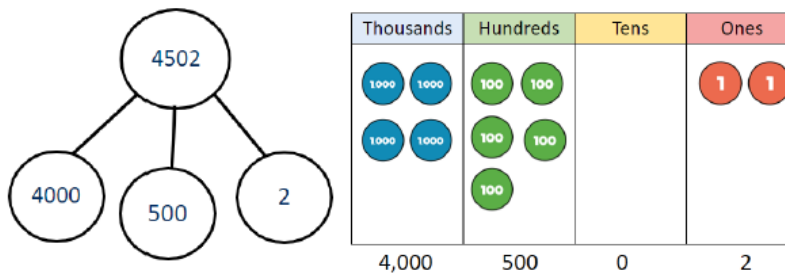
Hi all! I am delighted to say that there are now three spaces available for drum lessons at Christ Church! I am opening these slots out to Year 3 first as it is the perfect age for children to start learning the drums, especially if they already learn another instrument. Please get in touch with Caroline Ross if you are interested.



Learning in Year 4 at Holy Trinity

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September

This week in English, we watched an animated film called 'Tadeo Jones'. We asked key questions using what, where, how, when, who and why to establish some important facts about the story. We used a story mountain to retell the film, organising the events into the introduction, build up, problem, resolution and ending. We then plotted the important aspects of the film on a story graph, using adventurous adjectives to describe our emotions whilst watching the film. In Maths, we continued to explore numbers to 10,000. We have used base ten to represent different 4-digit numbers and then used key mathematical vocabulary to describe how many thousands, hundreds, tens and ones make up a given number. We also used place value charts and counters to recognise the importance of a digit's position in a number. Our part-part-whole models proved very helpful when we looked at different ways to partition numbers. E.g. 4502



In Guided Reading, we have been reading Roald Dahl's 'George's Marvellous Medicine'. We explored how George feel towards his grandma, using evidence from the text to support our suggestions. In Art, we have created a line library and experimented using different patterns and textures. We will use this to begin sketching our self-portraits next week. In RE, we have started our unit on Christianity. This term we will be focussing the Big Question: How did belief in God affect the actions of people in the Old Testament? We learnt how the Bible is made up of two sections: the Old Covenant and the New Covenant. We thought about how this word 'covenant' also means 'promise'. This will be a key idea for this unit as we look at the promises God makes to His people.

Good questions to ask your child this week:

- Why do we organise our writing into paragraphs?
- What did God promise Abraham in the book of Genesis, in the Old Testament?
- Which number is greater: 35 tens or 320 ones?

Reminders:

- Homework is sent home on Wednesdays.
- Please bring Reading Records and Homework books in on **Tuesdays**.
- Homework club takes place on Thursdays.
- P.E. is on Monday and Tuesday. Please send your child in wearing their P.E. uniform and trainers.
- Class Parent Meeting takes place on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 9.10am in the Year Four classroom.

**Word of the week:** impeccable - flawless or blameless; perfect



## Learning at Christ Church

Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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Another learning filled week at Christ Church has come to an end.

In English, we started our first English unit based on the short clip, 'The Swing of Change'. Children focused on describing the setting where this story takes place (1930s New York) and practiced writing vivid descriptions using the five senses. Furthermore, children contrasted their description of New York in the 1930s with a description of the city nowadays. Finally, they created expanded noun phrases to describe the main character of the story, the barber and considered how to link sentences together in a paragraph.

In Maths, we revised roman numerals and learned two new roman numbers: D (500) and M (1000). Children practiced reading and writing dates in roman numerals. Finally, children learned how to read and partition numbers up to one million and learned how to multiply numbers by the power of 10.

In Computing, children learned about systems. They learned how to define words such as systems, parts, input, output and process.

In Science, we are starting a new unit on famous scientists. Children discussed how to define scientists and reflected that scientists are a very diverse group of people that construct their knowledge based on tests, research and evidence.

In History, we started our unit on the Victorians. In order to position the Victorian in relation to other time periods, children created a timeline of the different eras in the United Kingdom and ordered time periods such as the Stone Age, the Tudors, the First World War chronologically.

In Art, children learned about Grayson Perry, an artist famous for his vases. He uses his vases to communicate ideas that are important to him, such as tackling climate change for example. Children designed their own vases about a topical event that is important to them.

In RE, we started our first unit about Christian miracles. Children learned about the miracle at the wedding of Cana and discussed what this miracle tells us about Jesus. Children also considered what this miracle tells us about Jesus's divine and human nature.

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## Learning in year 6 at Christ Church

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

Week two has been another busy week for Year 6 as many new routines and subjects have started.

**English:** Students have begun their first English unit for the year. The first topic is focusing on Story Openings and students will be analyzing and creating their own story opening based off a preexisting character from a text. To start, students have watched the opening scene of the film, *Great Expectations* (1946) and have analysed the atmosphere of the scene, its effect on the audience, created a word map of the scene and drawn up a character profile of a character from the text.

**Math:** We have started Math off with a bang, smashing our learning objectives and success criteria this week. Math this week is all about Place Value and students have been learning about the importance of Place Value of numbers. The class have been determining the place value of number up to ten million!

**History:** This week, students have started to dive into World War II, focusing on how the impacted the lives of children through rationing, displacement and effect the war had on people's health.

**PE:** On Wednesday, the class had their first swimming lesson. The class had a great time and enjoyed jumping into the pool in order to improve their swimming.

On Tuesday, Year 6 had their 2<sup>nd</sup> event of the year, the Sheep and Shepard's - Teddy Bear Picnic. Both Year 6 and Reception brought in their favorite teddy and partnered up. Year 6 students participated in multiple activities with their Sheep and completed tasks such as introducing their bears to each other, creating a picnic scene and counting picnic related objects. The finale of the picnic was the sharing of a drink and some handmade cookies (made, cut and baked by Year 6 on Monday) with their sheep. Year 6 were amazing during the picnic. They were attentive, kind and patient with their sheep and to their peers. Everyone should be proud!



Next week, Mrs. Davies will be back and is excited to continue with the exciting Year 6 curriculum.

Mr. Williamson