



# Christ Church School Newsletter 1st March 2024

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

Monday 4th March—Friday 8th March	Y3	Mosaic Making with Adam Stanley
Tuesday 5th March	Whole School Parents	Individual Parent Meetings, after school
Thursday 7th March	Whole School	World Book Day
Thursday 7th March	YR & Y1	Trip to St. Luke's Church
Friday 8th March	Y5	Trip to Westminster Abbey
Friday 8th March—Friday 15th March	Whole School	Book Fair

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

### Reception Class:

*Whole Class*

#### Year 1:

*Santa & Mason*

#### Year 2:

*Leonardo & Leo*

#### Year 3:

*Phoebe & Alan*

#### Year 4:

*Hannah & Sulaiman*

#### Year 5:

*Valentina & Axeline*

#### Year 6:

*Hector & Isabella*

## Dates for your Diary

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**Tuesday 12th March**—Y4 Trip to Southwark Cathedral  
**Tuesday 12th March**—Y6 Trip to St. Bartholemew's Church  
**Wednesday 13th March**—Y3 Trip to Westminster Cathedral  
**Thursday 14th March**—Y2 Trip to St. Paul's Cathedral  
**Thursday 14th March**—Spring Concert 9.10-9.50m, parents welcome.  
**Friday 15th March**—Comic Relief—Red Nose Day!  
**Monday 18th March**—Y3 Trip to the National Portrait Gallery  
**Wednesday 20th March**—Athletics Afternoon, Battersea Park, 1.30-3pm, parents welcome.  
**Thursday 21st March**—Y2 Trip to the National Gallery  
**Monday 25th March**—Y6 Trip to the Natural History Museum  
**Wednesday 27th March**—Easter Assembly, Christ Church 2.30pm  
**Thursday 28th March**—End of Term, 1.30pm

**Important DATE!**

## INDIVIDUAL PARENT MEETINGS

*Tuesday 5th March*

Our parents meetings will be **FACE TO FACE** appointments after the school day for every class on these two dates.

You will still need to book via School Cloud : <https://ccht.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

WORLD BOOK DAY  
7 MARCH 2024

**World Book Day** changes lives through a love of books and reading. Our mission is to promote reading for pleasure, offering every child and young person the chance to choose from and have a book of their own. We hope you'll use your £1 token to choose a brilliant book you'll love, and have lots of fun reading. Find great ideas and fun resources to enjoy at [worldbookday.com](http://worldbookday.com)

Your £1 book token is available below. Find out more about the £1 tokens and how they work at [worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens](http://worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens)

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WORLD BOOK DAY 7 MARCH 2024

# £1 BOOK TOKEN

Changing lives through a love of books and reading

SWAP YOUR £1 TOKEN AT A BOOKSHOP

CHOOSE YOUR £1 BOOK FOR FREE

World Book Day is a charity sponsored by NATIONAL BOOK tokens

The Doomsday Date is for teen readers.  
VALID FROM 15 FEBRUARY – 31 MARCH 2024

CHILDREN, FAMILIES & EDUCATORS This token is for single-use only and entitles children (under 18) to ONE FREE WORLD BOOK DAY 2024 BOOK or in off a book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more in participating bookellers only subject to stock availability. Find your nearest participating bookeller at [worldbookday.com/participating-retailers](http://worldbookday.com/participating-retailers). Full terms and conditions: [worldbookday.com/terms-conditions](http://worldbookday.com/terms-conditions)

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School target 97%

Whole school attendance figure: 98%

Date: Whole school	Authorised Absence %	Unauthorised Attendance %	Attendance %
19 <sup>th</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup> February	1.53	0.5	98.42

Class	% Attendance	% Unauthorised	Number of lates
YR	99	0	2
Y1	98	0	1
Y2	97	0	1
Y3	99	0	0
Y4	98	0	2
Y5	98	0.33	3
Y6	99	0	2

**COLLECTING PLASTIC MILK CARTONS FOR SHEPHERDS & SHEEP ACTIVITY**



Please could you collect milk bottles like this for our Shepherds and Sheep who have an exciting making project planned in two week's time.  
 Can you guess what we are making?  
 We need 100 so please get saving! Please could you drop them off in our school offices.  
 Thank you! We will tell you when we have enough.  
 Mrs Hawkins

**Spring Concert**

We have our Spring Concert next **Thursday 14th March at 9.10am**

Your child's music teacher will be able to say whether your child is performing in it or not. The Choir will also be performing but not Band. All parents and carers are very welcome to attend.

We look forward to seeing you!



**New Wishes added to our Amazon Wish List**




We have added some exciting new wishes to our Wish List

If you would like to purchase something on our behalf, please visit:

<https://amzn.eu./8EJTD8E>

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 - please make sure you select the school address in the delivery section.

Thank you to everyone who has purchased something for our school from our Amazon Wish List.

<b>Mrs Wordsmith (fight or battle)</b>	
YR	camouflage
Y1	bicker
Y2	ambush
Y3	bombard
Y4	conquer
Y5	erupted
Y6	feud

**CHECK OUT NEXT WEEK'S SCHOOL MENU**



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# RKG TRIP TO THE SAATCHI GALLERY





# SAATCHI GALLERY CONTINUED..





# WORLD BOOK DAY®

Changing lives through a love of books and reading.

World Book Day is taking place on *Thursday 7th March* and we hope you'll join us as we come together to celebrate our World Book Day in school. Every year on World Book Day we are overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of our school community. Bringing books into school can be a big part of the celebrations and what the children particularly enjoy about the day.

*We would love all children to bring a copy of their favourite book into school as there will be an opportunity for them to share this with a partner in a different class.*



The children will take part in a range of activities on the day and be reading and listening to a variety of texts. You may want to share stories at home and this is a [link](#) to a lovely collection of free audio books for all ages. Also, don't forget to take your World Book Day voucher to Waterstones for a free book. Finally, follow this [link](#) to find some Reading Recommendations.



## 1:1 MUSIC PRODUCTION LESSONS FOR CHILDREN AGE 8-18 YEARS

Do you want to learn how to create music? Or maybe you are a musician or singer who wants to learn how to record and compose your own music? Chris is a professional Music Producer and DJ based in West London Busspace Studios. With over 12 years production experience and 18 years DJ-ing he can help you make a wide range of music, write soundtracks to film and tv so all styles and tastes can be catered for. Beginner – Advanced lessons on Ableton available and DJ lessons either at the studio or in your home.

To discover more contact Chris Bowen on [chrisdidsounds@gmail.com](mailto:chrisdidsounds@gmail.com).

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**COMIC RELIEF**

**RED NOSE DAY**

**FRIDAY 15 MARCH**



**WE ARE SELLING:**

**THE NOSE THAT GROWS....**

These will be available to purchase by card on School Gateway, or with cash in the Office, from next week onwards. £4.50 per nose.

A 100% compostable Red Nose Wildflower seed bomb that will transform into beautiful wild flowers, bringing joy to your home or garden.



**WE ARE DRESSING UP:**

**RED TO TOE**

On Friday 15th March children are invited to wear Red or their favourite fancy dress costume to school. Donations of **£1** and over can be made on the school gateway.

**WE ARE HOLDING:  
AN AFTER SCHOOL CAKE SALE**

The fun doesn't end there! After school, we will be holding a cake sale on the piazza. Please send in your cake donations in the morning, on Friday 15th March.



**SCHOOL DISCO**

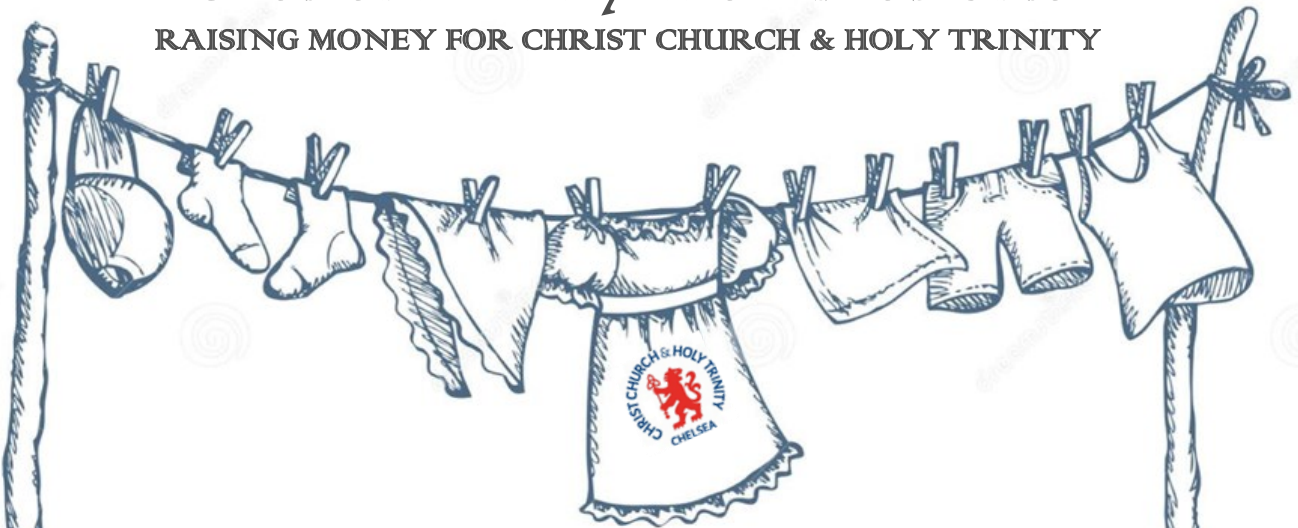
During the day, we will have lots of fun at our Comic Relief discos, an opportunity for children and staff to show off their finest dance moves.





# Chelsea Luxury Pre-Loved Sale

RAISING MONEY FOR CHRIST CHURCH & HOLY TRINITY



**SATURDAY 18th MAY 2024**  
**10:30am – 12:30pm**  
**in Christ Church School Garden**

Pre-loved luxury clothing; womenswear,  
Menswear, childrenswear,  
accessories, homeware, and much more.

Brands such as Temperley, Olivier London, Trotters, Hunter,  
La Coqueta etc

To secure a stand please email [krose@ccht.rbkc.sch.uk](mailto:krose@ccht.rbkc.sch.uk) directly  
Cash or Bank transfer on the day to purchase

## **T's & C's**

- To secure a table please email Katie Rose directly: [krose@ccht.rbkc.sch.uk](mailto:krose@ccht.rbkc.sch.uk) this will go on a first come first served basis to parents of students from both schools
- There is a £50 non refundable deposit to secure a selling table (*it is possible to share tables with other parents to reduce cost but please ensure payment for the table is made by one of you and sort out split costs amongst yourselves*)
- If you require a hanging rail please mention to Katie Rose
- 20% of your profits are to be donated to the schools within 48 hours
- Entrance donation fee on the door - £2 minimum
- Each table holder is responsible for set up and set down, all items must be removed from the premises. Tables can be loaned by the school with prior arrangement.
- Each table holder should have their bank details printed ready to take bank transfers for payment if they so wish; alternatively, they can accept cash but they are to manage their own petty cash
- Tea, coffee and homemade baking stand with all proceeds directly going to the schools



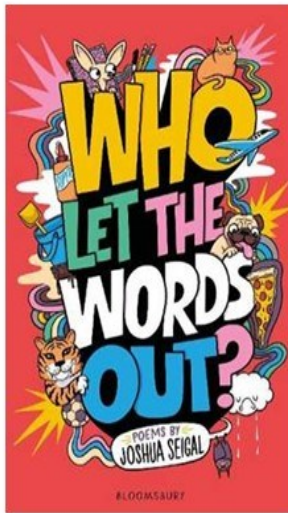


# Recommended Read



## Who Let the Words Out? ages 9-11 & up

Author: Joshua Seigal **Illustrator:** Chris Piascik **Publisher:** Bloomsbury Education



*Never swim in lava, never tickle frogs, never poke your father, never pickle dogs...*

In this funny, engaging poetry collection, Joshua Seigal offers useful 'advice', interesting images and silly juxtapositions. The everyday is made new through his quirky lens.

With poems about all sorts of subjects, from funny pets to silly schools, this is a poetry collection to make you smile. The wordplay and humour is spot on for primary school children, including lots of puns, enabling them to feel that poetry is something for them. The strong rhythm and rhyme of many poems makes them fun to say aloud. There is a range of poetic forms on display, too, for instance haiku, couplets and shape poems.

### TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS!



## Weekly Headlines



### Individual Class Leaderboards

#### Holy Trinity

Year 2 <small>ZP</small>	Year 3 <small>MQ</small>	Year 4 <small>AJ</small>	Year 5 <small>CP-B</small>	Year 6 <small>JD</small>
	Max	Elena		Cici

#### Christ Church

Year 2 <small>NK</small>	Year 3 <small>LL</small>	Year 4 <small>EA</small>	Year 5 <small>MB</small>	Year 6 <small>NW</small>
Magnus	Sofia	Sulaiman	Chelsea	Hector



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#### Holy Trinity

Year 1 <small>CM</small>	Year 2 <small>ZP</small>	Year 3 <small>MQ</small>	Year 4 <small>AJ</small>	Year 5 <small>CP-B</small>	Year 6 <small>JD</small>
Aurelia		Ivy	Elena		

#### Christ Church

Year 1 <small>OD</small>	Year 2 <small>NK</small>	Year 3 <small>LL</small>	Year 4 <small>EA</small>	Year 5 <small>MB</small>	Year 6 <small>NW</small>
Celine		Amana		Aylin	Rosa



# HOLY TRINITY PROMISES AUCTION

CREATIVE CLASSROOMS  
HELP US TO FLOURISH



THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024  
7 PM TWO-COURSE DINNER  
7:30 PM BIDDING STARTS

TICKETS £25  
PER PERSON  
CRÈCHE £5  
PER CHILD



# HOLY TRINITY PROMISES AUCTION

**Worth £2,500**

**GUCCI**



One lucky ticket holder will win this exquisite  
**Gucci Horsebit 1955 Mini Bag**

**Help raise funds for our Creative Classrooms at Holy Trinity by entering our Prize Draw!**

A petite version of the Gucci Horsebit with an added hybrid twist to the vintage inspired line.



- Black Leather. Comes with black shoulder strap and red and green shoulder strap
- Mini size: W20.5cm x H14.5cm x D5cm
- Gold-toned hardware
- This item can fit a mobile phone up to W76mm x H167mm x D9mm
- Cotton Linen lining

**£10 per raffle ticket**

Please enter your full name on purchasing the tickets.

The winner will be announced on the evening of the Promises Auction

**THURSDAY 14TH MARCH 2024**

To purchase tickets please scan the QR code

You will also be able to purchase tickets on the night



Many thanks for your support





FREE  
UNTIL EASTER

# GIRLS ONLY SUNDAY MORNING FOOTBALL

## Hyde Park Football Pitches SW7 1NR

Starting 18<sup>th</sup> February  
Reception to Year 6 \* 10:00am - 11:30am



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info@londonfootballschool.co.uk  
londonfootballschool.co.uk



**Coach IGGY EZQUERRO**  
\* Current Professional ETC Coach at WSL Club  
\* MSc in Sports Performance



**Coach ELLEN MAGGS**  
\* Former England & Arsenal footballer  
\* Pioneering Girls Grassroots Coach



CAMERON VALE SCHOOL



# SENIOR SCHOOL COFFEE MORNING

Join us on 13 March from 8.30am

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In partnership with



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Wednesday 13 March  
from 8.30am



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# Holiday Clubs

Amazing multi-activity club  
experiences for every child!

Ensure your child experiences a holiday club like no other with JAG! Our jam-packed daily schedule uniquely caters for each child's talents and interests, forging unforgettable memories in an amazing holiday experience!

- ✓ Something for every child, with a wide range of fun-filled activities
- ✓ All activities delivered by expert play leaders in a safe, fun environment
- ✓ Confidence building by learning new skills and trying new things under expert guidance
- ✓ Positive interactions that nurture friendship and social awareness
- ✓ Enhanced wellbeing through a focus on happiness, mindfulness, kindness and being active

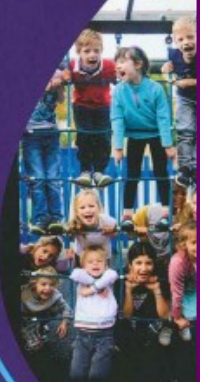


# Building Brighter Futures Together!

Children love our holiday clubs, because the diverse experiences we offer are so much fun. With a brilliant mix of sports, energising activities that get children moving, creative sessions that bring out their inner inventor and much more, our expert teams ensure an inclusive and fun environment that delivers an important role for every child in every session.

## Our Whole of Child Programme

We design all our activity programmes to prepare children for the future, nurturing vital life skills in each and every one of them in a way that taps in to their unique skills and interests. With fun activities spanning seven core categories, it's easy to see why children's time at JAG is always their favourite time!



<p><b>Splash Zone</b> Activities Include: * Aqua Races * Boat * Building</p>	<p><b>Power Teams</b> Activities Include: * Team Challenges * Obstacle Courses * Scavenger Hunts</p>	<p><b>Zen Masters</b> Activities Include: * Yoga * Zen Gardens * Healthy Heart Circuits</p>
<p><b>Super Sports</b> Activities Include: * Tennis * Football * Basketball</p>	<p><b>Global Kids</b> Activities Include: * Cooking * Rocket Building * Eco-Warriors</p>	<p><b>Creative Inventors</b> Activities Include: * Painting &amp; Crafts * Role Play * Drama</p>

**Brain Boosters**  
Activities  
\* Quizzes & Brain Teasers  
\* Puzzles & Building Projects  
\* Code-breaking

Childcare Vouchers Accepted ✓  
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FREE FOR FAMILIES  
ELIGIBLE FOR FREE  
SCHOOL MEALS

# HEALTHY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Stay active, eat well, have fun!

ACTIVITIES AND FOOD FOR  
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Make the most of spring, summer  
and winter school holidays



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Department  
for Education

FREE PLACES FOR FAMILIES ELIGIBLE  
FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS

There's lots to do in Westminster  
and Kensington and Chelsea during  
the school holidays.

Sports, music, dance, arts and crafts,  
even inclusive SEND activities -  
everyone can join the fun!

You'll also get a healthy meal  
and snacks each day you attend.

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[www.ourcity.org.uk  
/haf-programme](http://www.ourcity.org.uk/haf-programme)



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## WHAT IS HAF?

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme provides free activities and food for children aged 4 to 16, and to 18 for those with SEND, who are eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) during the Easter, Summer and Christmas Holidays.

Some of the fun activities available include sports camps (football, basketball, boxing, table tennis), music, dance, arts and crafts, adventure play, gardening, cooking, youth clubs and offsite trips!

## AM I ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

You have to apply for income-related Free School Meals – it's not an automatic scheme.

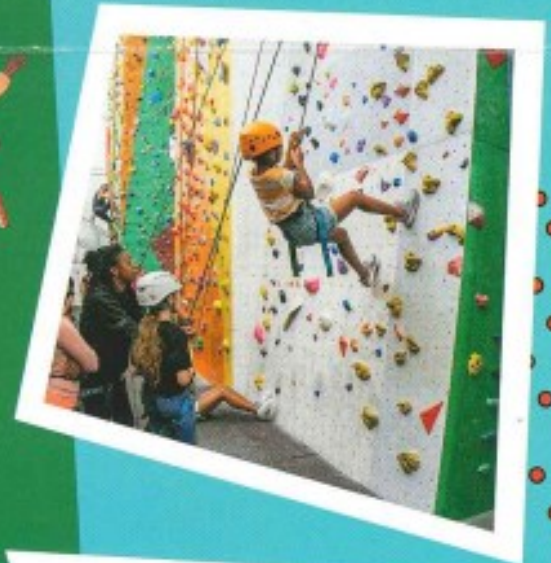
~~This is different to other free lunch offers that are available universally.~~

If you think you could be entitled, please contact your school.

If you are FSM eligible, you'll also receive supermarket vouchers during all school holidays!

## I'M NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FSM, CAN I STILL ATTEND?

Some of our holiday activities offer paid places or reduced cost for those not eligible for Free School Meals. Please check with individual organisations for more information.







Friday 1st March

## Reception Class Newsletter

### This week we:

- Revisited the sounds the sounds /qu/ (queen) and /th/ (thorn). We also learnt another code for our previously taught sound, /ur/ (church). We learnt the **er** code, as in **summer**. Both codes make the same sound, but **ur** is usually found in the middle of words, whilst **er** is usually found at the end of words.
- Continued to practise the counting on method to solve equations in Maths. Some of us used our fingers to count on from the greater number, whilst some of us drew dots to visualise the parts, then counted them all to find the whole number.
- Read the story of Palm Sunday. We learnt that Christians believe Jesus is a special king and we thought about how we treat people who are special. We drew palm leaves and recorded the things that we would say to Jesus if he came into our school.
- Enjoyed our trip to the Saatchi Gallery. We saw lots of interesting artwork and made our own pieces of art in the workshop.
- Began our Understanding the World unit, Toys from the Past. We read *The Toymaker* by Martin Waddell and learnt how toys used to be made. We thought about the differences between old-fashioned toys and modern day toys.
- Wrote sentences containing adjectives to describe animals and fruit. We also read *Handa's Hen* by Eileen Browne. We ordered the stages in a lifecycle of a hen and wrote sentences to describe the changes that happen from egg to hen.

### Next week, we will:

- Visit St. Luke's Church with Year One on the 7<sup>th</sup> March.
- Explore subtraction in Maths.
- Read *The Magic Paintbrush* by Julia Donaldson.

Have a great weekend ☺





## Learning at Christ Church in Year 1

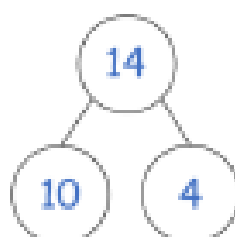
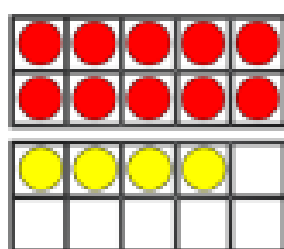
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In English this week we have been writing questions to ask how the characters felt watching the ballet at the theatre. We started our questions using question words, including; where, what, how, when, why, who and we made sure we ended the question with a question mark.

In Maths, we have been looking at fact families. An example fact family is below showing all the possible sums for these numbers.

Complete the fact family.



$$10 + 4 = 14$$

$$4 + 10 = 14$$

$$14 - 10 = 4$$

$$14 - 4 = 10$$

Our new Alphabet Code for this week was the /m/ code and we have been writing sentences using this code.

In Science this week, we have been looking at different reptiles. We learnt about reptiles having dry, scaly skin. We were even lucky enough to have a very special guest in our classroom this week, King Henry the pet tortoise!

Something you could practice at home, going over number bonds to 10:

For example:  $5+5=10$ ,  $6+4=10$

### Key words

#### English:

character  
opinion  
justification  
because  
agree  
letter

#### Maths:

total  
altogether  
add  
word problem  
how many  
and

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A lovely week in Year One!

Have a lovely weekend!

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## Learning in Year 2 at Christ Church

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Year 2 have already made great progress in their latest english unit – Dread Cat and have thought carefully about interesting adverbs, conjunctions and noun phrases to make their writing more exciting. They spent the last part of the week writing an explanation text for Mice to help them escape dreaded cats.

Together we have started reading The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch – trying to develop prediction and inference skills as well as enjoying the story together with children reading to the rest of the class. We have also nearly finished reading The Bible together and now have an excellent understanding of the Bible Timeline, and the Easter story which is our focus in RE this term. We have talked a lot about symbolism in the Bible and in the Art around us.

Year 2 planned Kandinsky inspired landscapes of our local area – and will start painting there A3 sketches next week by using only the primary colours to mix up new colours and shades of paint!

We are developing our understanding of multiplication and division – with a focus on division. It's important to use the same language at home with your child to help them visualise the equation.

For example:

$2 \times 3 = 2$  'lots of' 3 or 2 'groups of' 3



Best wishes,  
Miss Kennedy





## Learning in Year 3 at Christ Church

In English we have been exploring the genre of persuasive writing. As a class we have been learning about features such as formal tone, rhetorical questions, emotive language and adverbial phrases. We have been looking for these features in persuasive letters before we start to plan our own.

In Maths, we have started our topic on length and perimeter. We have revised mm, cm, m and km and have used our prior knowledge to make estimates of measurements. For example, is the door most likely to be 2mm or 2m in length?

On Monday we went to the Natural History Museum to participate in a 'Dino Dig' workshop. Students learnt about what being a paleontologist involves and even dug out their own dinosaur fossils. Year 3 had to carefully brush off dirt and debris to reveal a fossil and then identify the dinosaur using measuring tapes. It was great fun, and we learnt many exciting facts such as:

*birds are dinosaurs!*

We were lucky enough to go on another trip on Thursday to the V&A museum for a Pattern workshop. In Art we have been looking at patterns from different cultures and how people use colour, contrast and detail to express their identity. The workshop was a great opportunity to learn more about Islamic Middle Eastern art and how patterns are used within this culture.

### **Reminder:**

Reading Records due Tuesday

HW due Wednesday



## Learning in Year 4 at Christ Church

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March

This week in English, we started our new fiction text: 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman. We read the first chapter and shared our thoughts about what is interesting about the author's style and language. We noticed how

In Guided Reading, we have started reading 'Stig of the Dump'. We looked at the front cover and read the blurb to make inferences. We used impressive sentences stems including: 'I predict', 'I deduce' and 'I observe' and then used subordinate clauses to add more detail to our sentences, such as, 'From what I can observe,' and 'Since there is a cave boy on the front cover, I think'

In Maths, we have been learning how to multiply 3-digit numbers by 1-digits with exchanging. We used the formal written method, ensuring the digits are in the correct place value columns. We then moved on to divide 2 and 3-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers using place value counters, base 10 and partitioning using a part-whole model.

In Computing, we started our unit on Data and Information Logging. We will considered what data can be collected and how it is collected and about data being collected over time. We then generated questions that can and can't be answered using available data, and reflected on the importance of collecting the right data to answer questions.

In Science, we have started our new unit called 'Power it up!' where we are

### Good questions to ask your child this week:

- What is one way I can record data about the weather?
- What can we exchange 10 ones for in a place value chart?
- Why does Jesus wash the disciple's feet?

### Reminders:

- Homework is sent home on Thursdays.
- Please bring Reading Records and Homework books in on Tuesdays.
- Homework club takes place on Thursdays.
- P.E. is on Monday and Wednesday. Please send your child in wearing their P.E. uniform and trainers.

Word of the week: plunge - to dive or plummet; like when you jump off the highest rock into deep water





Learning at Christ Church  
Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

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Another learning filled week at Christ Church has come to an end. Year 5 are going to Westminster Abbey next Friday to visit a place of worship in line with our RE curriculum. Thank you to the adults who have signed up to come with us.

In English, Year 5 have started a new unit about poems. Children learned to discuss poems using vocabulary such as meter, rhyme, stanza and verse. Children compared and contrasted a classical poem with a modern poem written by Karl Nova. They considered how poetry can be influenced by other art forms such as rap. Finally, children have been analysing poems and their meaning and performing poems focusing on variations in intonation, speed, actions and volume.

In Maths, Year 5 learned about percentages. Children learned how to convert percentages into fractions and decimal numbers. Children learned how to convert fractions into equivalent fractions over 100 in order to convert them to decimal numbers and percentages. Children have been using these skills to solve multistep reasoning problems.

In Science, children started a new unit about life cycles, focusing on humans. Children learned about the stages of the human life cycle and considered the significant changes that happens in each of them. For example, children explained that babies learn to walk and start talking and children go to school and develop friendships.

In RE, children learned about Sikh Weddings. They learned that Sikh weddings are called the ceremony of bliss and usually involve many traditions such as the bride wearing a red sari, the use of a chunni (scarf) to symbolise the union between the bride and the groom and the ceremony being performed in the Gurdwara in front of the Guru Granth Sahib.

In Geography, children started a new unit which focused on coasts. Children learned about erosion, the process of moving dirt and small pieces of rock from one place to the other (usually by water). Children found out about how erosion created the Grand Canyon and where rivers get most of their water from (aquifers and melting glaciers).

In Computing, children have been programming their crumble devices and used selection (an 'if...then...' statement) to direct the flow of their program.

In DT, children finished designing and building their musical instruments out of recycled materials.

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**We hope you have a lovely weekend!**

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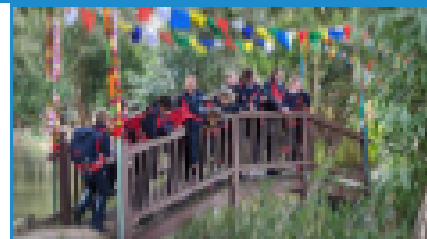
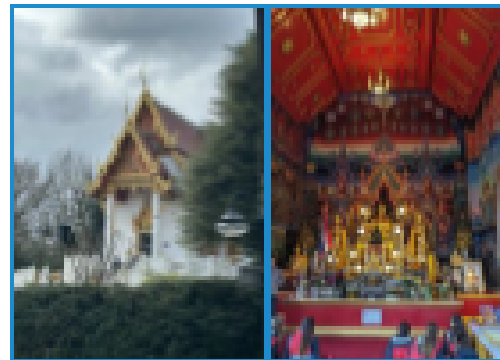
## Learning in Year 6 at Christ Church

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

**English:** In English this week, we have continued our newly started English unit: Tales in a Historic Context. This week, students have learnt more about specific events of World War 2 and how it shaped the authors perspective. Students investigated significant events of that period, such as Kristallnacht, and using that as a source, students wrote a diary entry from the perspective of a Jewish or German child during that time.

**Maths:** This week in Maths, we have started our new Maths topic of Algebra. This week the class has learnt about One and Two Step function machines. Students have been challenged to follow and create function machines to solve equations with unknown variables.

**RE Trip:** On Monday, Year 6 battled the wind and had a trip to Wimbledon Buddhist Temple (BUDDHAPADIPA). The Buddhapadipa temple was the first Thai Buddhist temple to be built in the UK. The inside of the temple is a beautifully painted mural which spans all four walls, and it is painted from floor to ceiling! During our visit, students learn about Buddhism from a real Buddhist monk. The class had some interesting questions about Buddhism and the monk's restrictive life. Did you know that Buddhist monks live by a set of 227 rules that they must follow.



**Immersive Performance:** I want to say thank you to Mr Tolley who organised and instructed the drama performance this week. The kids had fun and I hope the parents enjoyed it too. It is great to see students dive into the dramatic arts as it gives children an avenue to express and challenge themselves. Well, done everyone!



Have a lovely weekend,  
Mr. Williamson

