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Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

You'll be delighted to know that your child has had a good start to life as a Year 6 pupil at Christ the King. Children are beginning to become more focused in lessons, contribute well to class discussions and produce good work. I have also been impressed with the level of commitment to completing homework shown so far – almost every child has completed every piece of homework that has been given. They are beginning to organise themselves well. With an important year ahead of them, it is vital that all children give 100% effort every day, both in class and with homework tasks. Thank you for your parental support so far.

The following information will give you an insight into what the children are learning this half term, as well as a reminder of important information regarding upcoming SATs tests and homework expectations.

Subject	Curriculum coverage
Mathematics	Number and Place Value To solve number and practical problems that involve reading, writing, ordering and comparing numbers to at least 10,000,000 including negative whole numbers and decimals (3dp)
Writing	- To write a non-chronological report on yellow-spotted lizards (linked to Holes – class novel) - Throughout the year, there will be a strong focus on punctuation and sentence structure within writing lessons. Children will learn to use a range of higher level sentence structures including parenthesis, subordinate clauses, adverbial phrases and to use a range of higher level punctuation including colons and semi-colons. -We will also be including discrete SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) lessons, where children will learn to recognise and use word classes, the correct use of English grammar and a range of punctuation. Children will be expected to learn 10 spellings each week from the Y6 spelling curriculum. This will form part of weekly homework.
Reading	Class text: Holes by Louis Sachar
Religious Education	- The ways in which love of neighbour can be shown at home, at church, locally and globally. - The gift of the Holy Spirit which are given to individuals and groups for the service of the whole community - The Christian values which inform love of neighbour and oneself.
Science	Animals including Humans To develop greater understanding of wider organ systems and how they link together, with focus the human circulatory system, describing the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood, and the impact our lifestyle choices have on our bodies (diet, drugs, smoking, and exercise).
Geography	South America - To locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities - To identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, the Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time zones (including day and night) - -To describe and understand key aspects of physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes, river and mountains - To describe and understand key aspects of human geography, including: types of settlement and land use and economic activity
Personal, social, health and economic education	Families and friendships Attraction to others; romantic relationships; civil partnership and marriage Safe relationships Recognising and managing pressure; consent in different situations Respecting ourselves and others Expressing opinions and respecting other points of view, including discussing topical issues
French	Je me présente (Presenting myself) - To say your name, age and where you live in French. - Know how count to 20 in French. - Ask somebody how they are feeling and give an appropriate response back. - Ask somebody their age, name, where they live and reply.
Design Technology	Mechanical systems Cams - To design, make and evaluate a product
Physical Education	Athletics - To use running, jumping, throwing and catching in isolation and in combination - To develop flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance through athletics - To compare their performances with previous ones and demonstrate improvement to achieve their personal best.
Music	Keyboard lessons

For further information about the Year 6 curriculum, please visit:
<http://www.ctkacademy.co.uk>

Homework

Now that your child is in Year 6, they should be beginning to organise themselves more effectively. Part of this responsibility is their ability to work to deadlines by completing assigned homework on time. Homework will be assigned three times per week, with the deadline being 2-3 days after the work is given. Monday's homework will be due in on Wednesday, Wednesday's will be due on Friday, and work set on Friday should be returned on Monday. If children are unable to meet the homework deadline, they will be expected to complete the work over lunch on the due date. Homework tasks will include the following:

- 1) Maths – Children will be asked to complete arithmetic homework once per week. They may not use calculators. Completion of arithmetic homework will help children improve their use of calculation methods. Children will sit an arithmetic SATs paper in May.
- 2) Reading - Children will be given extracts of the class novel, alongside comprehension questions. Please reread these extracts with your children and question them on their knowledge and understanding of the text. Children will be asked to answer around 10 questions per week, based around a few chapters from the book.

Reading fluency - children may also borrow books from the school library. Please listen to your child read aloud every night and comment on their reading in their reading diary. Children in Year 6 should be aiming to read around 155 words per minute.

3) Writing/SPaG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) – Grammar and sentence structure tasks will be sent home with your child to complete weekly.

4) Spellings will be tested each Friday. Children will be given a list of spellings to learn each week.

Although I have stated that the children are ultimately responsible for completion of homework, I would appreciate it if you can support your child in completing homework on time each week. Working together on their homework is the best way to motivate, engage and support your child with their homework. The amount of homework is much less than they will be expected to complete at high school. It is important that they use this year to develop organisational skills ahead of having a much busier homework schedule next year.

Writing/SPaG (Spelling, punctuation and grammar)	Set on Monday	Due in Wednesday
Maths	Set on Wednesday	Due in Friday
Reading Comprehension	Set on Friday	Due on Monday
Spellings	Set on Friday	Spelling quizzes will take place on Fridays. Children should practise their spellings throughout the week.
Reading fluency	Daily	Children should be reading aloud to an adult for around 30 minutes (minimum) every night. Please record how they have read in their reading diary.

DON'T FORGET

SATs weeks Monday 9th – Thursday 12th May, 2022

SATs tests begin on the week commencing Monday 12th May 2022. It is very important that your child is in school throughout that week, so please do not book any time away. The date may seem like a long time away but that time always seems to fly past.

Monday – Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar
Tuesday – Reading
Wednesday – Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) & Maths Paper 2 (reasoning)
Thursday – Maths Paper 3 (reasoning)

Water Park Residential – 23rd – 27th May 2022

This year, the full cost of the trip for those not in receipt of free school meals is £180. If your child receives free school meals, the total payment to be made is £120. The price includes transport to and from Water Park Lakeland Adventure Centre, accommodation, food, activities and use of equipment. Please see the payment schedule.

Contact

If you have not already joined us on Class Dojo, please sign up to ensure you receive important updates, messages, photos, videos from lessons and much more. Please visit www.classdojo.com/parent or download the free app.

In addition, please ensure you have downloaded the **MCAS app** which has replaced the Teacher to Parent messaging service. If you have any issues with downloading this app or login details, please contact the school office.

As always, children will be reminded of the class rules and expectations of behaviour. The children will be required and encouraged to try their hardest throughout all lessons. Your continued support is much appreciated.

If you have any questions, queries or comments – however big or small then please see me at the end of the school day, ask for an appointment at another time or simply email me on: lhi@ctkacademy.co.uk

With kind regards

Miss L. Hilton (Year 6 Class Teacher)

Date	Full Payment (£180)	Payments for those in receipt of free school meals (£120)
October 7 th 2021	£30	£20
November 7 th 2021	£55	£40
December 7 th 2021	£80	£55
January 7 th 2022	£105	£70
February 7 th 2022	£130	£85
March 7 th 2022	£155	£100
April 7 th 2022	£180	£120



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