

CHRISTCHURCH JUNIOR SCHOOL

YEAR 4 AUTUMN TERM 2026

WELCOME BACK

The children have got off to a brilliant start this school year. They have settled into school life extremely well and are already showing confidence in following our daily routines. We look forward to a busy and rewarding term, full of exciting learning opportunities and personal growth.

ENGLISH

- Key Skills—this will focus on 4 different elements: handwriting, spelling, punctuation and sentence work.
- Fiction writing – we will be using the text ‘Fluffy & Scruffy’ to create a persuasive letter and later a postcard for a target audience. Then, they will be writing a character flaw tale based on the book of the film, ‘Lilo and Stitch’.
- Non-fiction writing – within our Romans topic, we will provide children with the opportunity to both learn and then write a biography about a famous Roman of their choice and describe a Roman amphitheatre setting based on a clip.

MATHEMATICS

Year 4 will follow the Maths No Problem curriculum. Pupils will develop their fluency (quick and efficient recall of number facts and times tables), calculation strategies alongside reasoning and problem solving. It would be helpful if children were encouraged to apply their maths at home, e.g. telling the time and working out timetables, increasing familiarity with money, measuring amounts for baking, etc. It is also really important to keep practising times tables as we have a Government times table check at the end of the year.

COMPUTING

This term, children will learn about the internet, gaining an understanding of it as a network of networks that must be kept secure. We will continue our focus on e-safety, teaching them how to evaluate online content for honesty, accuracy, and reliability, while also understanding the consequences of false information. In lessons, children will further develop their word processing skills using Word and Publisher, and they will explore an art program to investigate and create various visual effects.

SCIENCE

We will begin this year with the Science topic of ‘Living things and their habitats’ where we will consider habitats and classification. We will then move onto ‘Electricity’, where we will learn about electrical circuits and switches, providing them a chance to have a go at creating their own.

MFL

We’re fortunate to have Modern Foreign Languages taught by a specialist from Twynham School. For lessons, Spanish learners from **4CK and 4DB** will be taught together, and French learners from those classes will be taught together. The same arrangement applies to **4MH and 4LS**. Class teachers will also reinforce the languages in their own classrooms.

GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY

In Geography, we will explore the impact of human footprint on both our locality and our wider world. After half term, we will begin our topic work with The Romans. We will look at how the Romans lived and their influence on the world, especially their lasting legacies in England.

PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PRE)

In the first half of this term, we will study Hinduism, exploring how Hindus might see the world. They look at the concepts of Brahman to build up understanding and use some stories to examine some Hindu texts and consider how deities exemplify qualities of Brahman. After half term, the children will explore Christianity and learn about the concept of ‘Gospel’ which tells the story of the life and teaching of Jesus.

MUSIC

This half term we will be learning and listening to music by Dave Brubeck to perform and improvise rhythm patterns. We will be using ostinatos and rhythm improvisation. After half term, we will continue our learning on the recorder, so children will need their recorder from year 3.

ART AND DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

In Art, the children will be exploring storytelling through drawing, using a range of artists and mediums to bring stories to life. In DT, they will apply their graphic design skills to design and create a 3D box.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND GAMES

Mr Harris will teach our gymnastic and dance lessons. Outdoor games lessons will take place weekly. Please ensure that children come into school on PE and Games day wearing the PE kits and trainers. Shoulder length hair should be tied back (boys and girls) and all jewellery removed. Newly pierced ears must be covered with tape supplied from home.

PSHE

This term we will be continuing to follow the Jigsaw unit "Being Me in my World." We will be thinking about how we belong in our school and how we can make our class a special place.

HOME LEARNING

In order to consolidate the children's learning, home learning tasks will be set each week.

The timetable for these tasks is as follows:

- Weekly spelling list handed out each week with words for children to learn. These lists will be set at an appropriate level for your child and we will have a spelling test every Friday morning. We will also be encouraging your child to use these spellings in their writing so that they can see the purpose behind learning new words.
- Our home learning focus is the Reading Challenge. Children are expected to read for at least 10 minutes each day, with an adult signing the box to confirm. There are rewards for different milestones – the more days completed, the closer they get to Platinum! Additional challenges are also included to keep reading fun and engaging. Please encourage your child to enjoy a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts, and to practise reading aloud with expression, tone, and volume, as well as reading quietly to themselves. Daily reading makes a significant difference to their overall learning and progress.
- Please support your child in learning their multiplication and division facts as they will need to know up to 12 x 12 by the end of Year 4 in readiness for the government times table check. They will also be encouraged to gain their multiplication and division badges. To help with this, we ask children to practise their times tables online in addition to practising with an adult at home. Each child should try to access Times Tables Rockstars for 20 minutes per week.
- To support with times table learning, we will be sending home times table games packets home which children can change when they have mastered a table and are ready to move onto the next.
- Doodle Maths 3 times a week for 10 minutes at a time. They need to be in the green zone by Friday.

UPCOMING TRIPS AND VISITS

Beach Clean— POSTPONED

Art Workshop—Tuesday 6th October

Road Safety: Thursday 8th October 4DB 9:00-10:15

Road Safety: Thursday 8th October 4CK 10:30-11:30

Road Safety: Thursday 15th October 4LS 9:00-10:15

Road Safety: Thursday 15th October 4MH 10:30-11:30

Fort Nelson: 4CK & 4MH— Tuesday 13th October

Fort Nelson: 4DB & 4LS—Wednesday 14th October

Leeson House: 4CK & 4DB—Monday 7th—Tuesday 8th December

Leeson House: 4MH & 4LS—Tuesday 8th-Wednesday 9th December

Creature Teacher and Rainforest Day—Friday 15th January 2027

Treehouse Theatre Romans Workshop—Thursday 4th February 2027

If you have any queries or concerns regarding your child's education or well being, please do not hesitate to contact their class teacher.

We look forward to an enjoyable and productive year.

Mrs Kelly	Mr Breeze	Mrs Hughes	Mrs Line & Mr Selig
4CK	4DB	4MH	4LS

Year Leader