



Foundation Stage Term 6 2021



Welcome back, we hope you had a nice break. Thank you for completing the 'Proud Cloud' to support us with our Technology evidence. We cannot believe we have come to our final term. We continue to be amazed at the children's resilience in this unusual year and we are so proud of the progress they have made. We have thoroughly enjoyed teaching them.

As we have a long term ahead, we will be thinking about changes using our butterflies as stimulus and looking at how we have changed since we were babies. We will also be looking at farms and some traditional tales including learning the story of the Three Little Pigs- look out for some huffing and puffing! We will end the year with a Summer Holiday sea and beach theme.

Mathematics

We will be working on our mathematical skills and applying them to problems. We will continue to develop our number sense and understanding of numerical patterns by investigating odd and even numbers. We will be using mathematical vocabulary to talk about shape and measures focussing on money and we will have opportunities to explore these in our independent activities. Many children have limited experience with coins at home and in the environment as we mostly use cards and internet payments in our daily lives! We will continue to identify teen numbers and work on finding one more and one less.

Literacy

In phonics we will be working on Phases 3 and 4. Particularly focusing on identifying digraphs (two letters that make one sound such as ai in rain and trigraphs (three letters that make one sound such as igh in light) within words to read them using our phonic decoding skills.

Please continue to read daily with your child and practise reading the high frequency words from all of the phases (both the tricky and decodable words). Quick recognition of these words really helps in building fluency in reading. We encourage all the children to read fluently and use their phonic decoding strategies when they encounter words they cannot read by sight. We are so proud of how well the children are reading and your patience when practicing daily makes a huge difference.

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development
We will be talking about changes and following a Changing Me theme. We will be thinking about how we have changed since we were babies and discussing the changes ahead.**

In guided writing we will be applying spellings of high frequency words to sentences that can be read by ourselves and others. We will also be working on punctuation and trying to increase writing stamina.

Sports Day

The children will take part in their first Sports Day at Christ Church school and we will let you know in advance the date. Unfortunately this year parents will not be able to attend but we hope this will be the only year that this will happen. Please ensure that they have a full water bottle, sun cream has been applied, they have a sun hat and that they wear their PE kit to school. The children will take part in a carousel of activities. They come back to the classroom at the end of the day and will be dismissed as usual.

The children will also take part in optional track races and again, we will let you know this date in advance - please also wear PE kit on this day - even if your child does not want to take part in the race we will be doing some practicing and running with the class.

Physical Development

Handwriting will continue to be a focus this term. The children are now familiar with all of the letters and numbers and we will work on the correct formation for each letter family. Please remember PE with Mr Kiely will be on a Thursday this term .

Sun Cream and Hats- REMINDER

Please apply sun cream to your child before school. This is usually fine for the day but if you do want your child to re-apply it is a good idea to show them how to apply it to their face and arms. We can supervise application but cannot do it for them! Sun cream needs to be labelled and ideally in a clear plastic bag kept in their book bag. Please remind your children not to share sun cream with others. Can you also ensure your child has a sunhat for warmer weather and that it is clearly labelled with their name. Thank you!

Transition to Year One

During this term we will be doing lots of transition activities and finding out about Year One. The children will also have the opportunity to spend the day in their new class room on July 8th. This is an exciting time for most children however please talk to us if your child is feeling particularly worried.

Learning Journals

We keep a Learning Journal for each child which will come home at the end of Term. This contains lots of the independent activities the children have enjoyed this year. We hope you enjoy looking at them for many years to come. Please bring a large labelled carrier bag or similar during the last week of term.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 8th July- Taster Day

Thursday 22nd July- End of the academic year

Friday 23rd July- Inset Day. School is closed to pupils.

We'd like to say a huge thank you for your continued help and support throughout the year particularly during the lockdown and partial closure. Although this has been a different year we have loved getting to know your children and yourselves. We look forward to watching the children continue to learn and grow at Christ Church.

With the very best wishes from all of the Foundation Team x