



## Curriculum Newsletter — **Year 3** Autumn

The information below is designed to tell you what your child will be learning this term in each curriculum area. We have complemented each subject with suggestions as to how you can support your child outside of school with their learning.



### English

*This term we are learning:*

- How to write a letter
- Famous authors including Roald Dahl
- Explanation texts
- Instructions
- Film study
- Shape poetry and calligrams

*Suggested activities to support learning:*

- Send someone a letter
- Learn weekly spellings: <http://bit.ly/CJSSPELL-LIST>
- Listen to your child read daily
- Discuss characters, setting and plot from your child's reading book
- Write a book review of your favourite stories
- Learn a poem to recite together
- Explore <http://www.roalddahl.com/>
- Follow a recipe: <http://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/kids-cooking/>

### Mathematics

*This term we are learning:*

- Place value, the value of each digit up to 5 digit numbers and how to order and compare numbers
- Number facts and calculation strategies numbers
- How to use concrete resources (diennes) to help understand maths
- The formal written method for the 4 operations
- Using the 4 operations to add, subtract, multiply and divide
- How to tell the time on an analogue clock

- Practise Times Tables 3, 4, 6:  
[www.churchfieldsjunior.com/learning/maths](http://www.churchfieldsjunior.com/learning/maths)
- Counting in steps of different sizes on the number line, both forwards and backwards
- Finding missing numbers in a sequence
- Rounding to the nearest 10/100/1000/10,000
- Play place value games eg. ordering and comparing numbers. adding and subtracting 1, 10, 100
- Adding and subtracting numbers in real life situations e.g. when shopping. Can you child explain their method to you?
- Look at the maths video section on our school website for a guide to calculating with the 4 operations  
[www.churchfieldsjunior.com/learning/maths/maths-videos](http://www.churchfieldsjunior.com/learning/maths/maths-videos)
- Discuss maths in everyday life: money when shopping, weight and capacity when cooking. Frequently ask your child to tell the time, and name times and durations on their daily timetable (e.g. at 5 o' clock I have my dinner. This lasts 30 minutes).
- Explore <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/>

## Humanities

*This term we are learning:*

- Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age
- Christmas
- Hinduism

*Suggested activities to support learning:*

- Explore <http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/handsonhistory/ancient-britain.shtml>
- Explore <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/zxjxn39/>
- Discuss a range of celebrations and festivals in different faiths
- Explore <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/religion/hinduism/>

## Science

*This term we are learning:*

- Humans including animals: nutrition, skeleton, muscles
- Light: sources, shadows, reflection, mirrors

*Suggested activities to support learning:*

- Explore [http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/living\\_things/skeletons\\_muscles/read/1/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/living_things/skeletons_muscles/read/1/)
- Explore [http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/physical\\_processes/light/read/1/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/physical_processes/light/read/1/)
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## PE / Dance

*This term we are learning:*

- Invasion games (handball, netball and football)
- Diwali dance

*Suggested activities to support learning:*

- Practise throwing and catching skills
- Shoot hoops at home or in the park
- Practice Diwali dance choreography at home



## Music

*This term we are learning:*

- Recorders
- Diwali music

*Suggested activities to support learning:*

- Practise your recorder weekly
- Listen to different types of music and discuss similarities and differences
- Listen to Indian folk music and discuss with an adult



## Art

*This term we are learning:*

- Sketching
- Watercolours



*Suggested activities to support learning:*

- Sketching self-portraits, explore different mediums
- Try watercolours together. The Youtube channel, 'Howtodrawandpaint' has child-friendly tutorials for watercolours and cartoons too

## PSHE / Philosophy

*This term we are learning:*

- Settling in, making new friends
- All about me, talents and strengths
- Keeping ourselves safe
- E-safety online and in the real world
- Healthy lifestyles
- Anti-bulling
- Loss and separation

*Suggested activities to support learning:*

- To practise a skill or talent to show and share with the class
- Talk about how you feel when you start something new
- Discuss how you deal with difficult situations
- Explore <http://www.safekids.com/kids-rules-for-online-safety/>



## Computing / DT

*This term we are learning:*

- We are communicators
- We are programmers
- E-safety
- Healthy eating

*Suggested activities to support learning:*

- Research linked to topic
- Typing practice: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing/>
- Create stories, games and animations: <http://www.scratch.mit.edu/>
- Learn to code with the basics of computer science: <http://www.code.org/learn/>
- Create online storybooks: <http://www.storybird.com>
- Create customised avatars and add voices to them: <http://www.voki.com>
- Create personalised websites. You can add photos, photo slide-shows, upload files and much more: <http://www.weebly.com>
- Create animated videos: <http://www.goanimate.com>
- Guides to help children stay safe on the internet: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/topics/stay-safe/>
- Make a healthy snack with your child
- Explore <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/topics/stay-safe/>
- Explore <http://www.nhs.uk/change4life/Pages/change-for-life.aspx/>

## French

*This term we are learning:*

- Greetings
- Colours
- Numbers
- Vowels and consonants
- Parts of the body
- Members of the family

*Suggested activities to support learning:*

- Practise using vocabulary by greeting adults using phrases and words
- Ask your child to teach you what they know
- Search 'Alain le lait' on Youtube for lots of songs practising simple vocabulary in French such as colours, fruits and numbers.
- Explore <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primarylanguages/french/>



We hope you find this information useful, as well as interesting. Please let us know if you have any other suggested activities to support your child with their learning so that we can include additional information for other parents/carers in the future.