



Christ the King

Year R Spring 1 Newsletter

Learning together in faith, hope and love.



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the start of the Spring Term! We hope you all had a fantastic Christmas! Firstly, we would like to thank you all again for your kind cards, presents and messages that were given in the lead up to Christmas.

As a part of our learning this term, we will be talking to the children about different European and Arctic animals and finding out about their food, habitats and how they stay warm in winter! We will also be travelling 'Round the World with Buzz Lightyear'. Buzz will be visiting the children each week having visited a different country. He will tell us lots of information about the country he has visited and the children will have the chance to explore this further through a mixture of adult led activities, independent activities and child initiated play. We will also be finding out about different cultures from around the world including Chinese New Year as the 'Year of the Rat' is celebrated.

We will be changing Show & Tell this term. After we find out all about our fantastic Christmas holidays, the children will be then be invited to bring something that they have found/made/won outside of school. Please use Tapestry to post photos and videos so your child can talk about places they have visited. If you are unsure how to upload photos or videos, please come and tell us and we can help you to upload them. Children can also bring in a photo or ticket from a place that they have visited as well. We will let your child know when it is their turn for Show & Tell. Through this, we are encouraging all children to bring something into school to share with us. Please ensure your child brings something into share when it is their turn.

Well done to all the children who have achieved a certificate for daily reading at home and are moving quickly along our Reading Race Track. The next step to really encourage the fluency of reading is to increase their sight vocabulary through Busy and Tricky word games and activities to give your child lots and lots of practice!

Lastly, it was with great sadness that we said goodbye to Mrs Bunford at the end of the Autumn Term after seventeen years of teaching at Christ the King School but we wish her all the best in her new ventures. We are delighted to have Mrs Greenwood join our Reception team alongside Mrs Shutler in Penguins class.

Thanks for your continued support.

The Year R team.



Key Dates



Friday 7th February 8.45-9.45am
Coffee Morning with HT & PTFA

Friday 7th February 5-6pm School Disco

Monday 17th February Half Term

Monday 24th February Staff Training Day

Reminders



Please ensure your child has navy jogging bottoms and top in their PE kits as PE will still be outside at times.



This term's £2 donation towards cooking and gardening is now due.



Water bottles need to be in school and a fruit snack, if necessary.



Spring 1 Curriculum Overview



We will be learning about Winter this term and will be talking to the children about different European and Arctic animals and finding out about their food, habitats and how they stay warm!



We will also be learning the story of the 'Three Little Pigs' as we celebrate the 'Year of the Pig' for Chinese New Year and find out about different cultures from around the world.

CHINESE NEW YEAR



Home Learning

Please continue to read with your child daily and practise their sounds in their letters and sounds folders. Play tricky word games and activities —matching pairs/snap etc. Please encourage your child to talk about their day using whole sentences eg "I went to the park" rather than just "park", still supporting them to use the correct tense when they speak eg. "I **did** this" instead of "I done this". Play number games and spot car/house numbers when you are out and about to help number recognition.



Reminders

- Warm coat/hat/gloves
- Wellies/Puddlesuits
- **£2 Spring term cooking/ gardening money due.**

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Key Dates

- Life Education Bus: Monday 11th February—£2 donation.
- End of half-term: Friday 15th February—3.10pm finish.
- Staff Training Day —Monday 25th February



Can you help?



Do you have any time you can spare to help? We would love to have you in school to read, play games or support activities with the children. Please speak to an adult in class if you are able to help.