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SPRING 1 NEWSLETTER

Thursday 11th February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

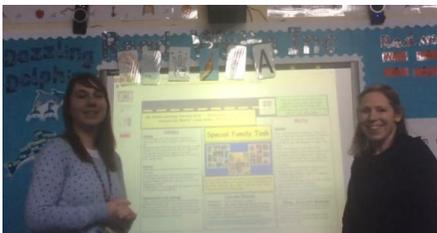
At the end of a busy half term, I would firstly like to thank you for your support in encouraging your children whether they have been in school or learning from home.

The challenge of teaching your child or children, perhaps with a child in each education phase (secondary, primary school or even pre-school or younger), is extremely testing - and for many a challenge that surpasses the skills in order to exist in a happy state of mind. Enjoy the time with your children over this half-term break, after engaging so well with the home-learning tasks.



Learning Round-up

EYFS update from Year Leaders, Miss Sneddon and Mrs Ladyman



In Early Years the children have; designed their own passport and pretended to travel across the world finding out about other countries and cultures as well as our own. Learnt about different celebrations, such as, the Chinese New Year and Holi festival. Compared the similarities and differences from where we live in Christchurch, to other countries, thinking about the varying types of food, languages, weather, clothing, sports and animals

between the different countries. Attempted backyard cricket and Bollywood dancing and even taken the opportunity to try some Indian and Chinese cuisine at home!

Year 1 update from Year Leader, Mrs Wilkins



This half term Year 1 have been learning about dinosaurs. We were very lucky to have our WOW day take place on the first day of term. We were visited by the dinosaur dome and experienced what the Earth would have been like when dinosaurs roamed. We looked at some real-life fossils from Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre, which had been found in the local area. We sketched these and made our own clay ammonites and fossil prints.

In Design and Technology, we were challenged to make tables to display dinosaur models for a museum. We have investigated the different shapes and structures of legs and built our tables. Look how strong they were!



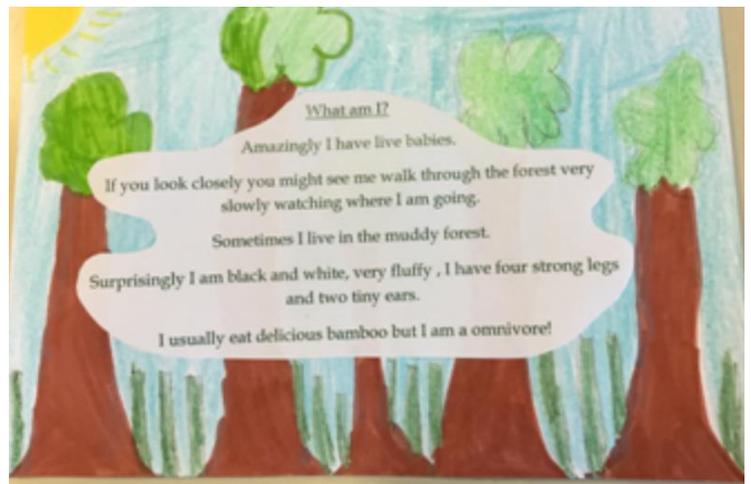
Year 2 update from Year Leader, Miss Melanaphy



Year 2

Year 2 have been really busy finding out all about animals this half term. After a virtual trip to the zoo, the children really enjoyed making clay animal sculptures and habitats for them to live in. They used the four sentence types (statements, exclamations, questions and commands) and wrote non-fiction books, riddles and fantastic animal adventure stories. In science they found out all about herbivores, carnivores and omnivores and looked at different food chains. What a super half term's learning!

Can you guess which animal is being described in this riddle?



Please see our class Blogs for more photos and details about the learning experiences in your child's class: <https://www.christchurchinf.dorset.sch.uk/class-pages>

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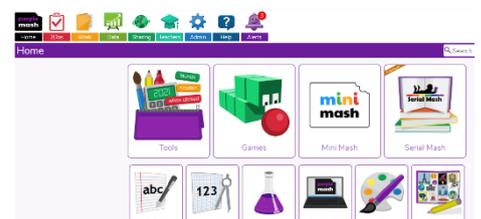
Baby news



We are very pleased to announce the birth of Mrs Holbrook's 2nd child, Finn, another baby boy. Both mum and baby are in good health!

Purple Mash

It has been great to see the work submitted via Purple Mash. We look forward to exploring more of the resources for the children to use. Further to this, we will be rolling out a much updated Computing Curriculum soon that will support the children with their IT skills and help to prepare them well for their futures.



We have a new page on our website specifically for users of Purple Mash. Within it you can find more information about the platform, copies of previously sent out newsletters and a link to the site.

You can find this page here: <https://www.christchurchinf.dorset.sch.uk/purple-mash>

The Purple mash login page can be found here: <https://www.purplemash.com/sch/cci>

Support for Parents and Carers during the Coronavirus Pandemic

The BCP Educational Psychologist Team have put together materials and contacts for parents and carers to support for their children and also for yourselves about ways of coping with family stress and disagreements. The document will be sent home via Parent Mail and also added to our website in the Covid-19 Communications Page:

<https://www.christchurchinf.dorset.sch.uk/latest-news>



PTFA

Please take a look and follow the **PTFA Facebook page** which contains a regular update on fundraising and support.

<https://www.facebook.com/CISPTFA>

Should your child be tested positively for Covid-19 over the half-term break, you must email only the school office office@christchurchinf.dorset.sch.uk . Emails received, that are not relating to Covid-19, will be read at the beginning of the new term to ensure that all staff receive a break. Please do not telephone as no staff will be on site, thank you.

Zoom Chats

The staff have really enjoyed catching up with the children via Zoom this week. We hope they enjoyed being online with us too! We are aiming to do another class chat in the week commencing 1.3.21 and login details will be sent out after half term. We apologise for some of the connection issues we had in Year 1 and are working to rectify that before our next chat.



Dates for your diary (cut out and keep)

Christchurch Infant School INSET dates:

Friday 12th February 2021

Monday 7th June 2021

Friday 23rd July 2021

Kindest regards, Mr Baxter