

Bonjour!



Cool Caribbean



The first four weeks of the Autumn term will focus on our Bonjour topic, where children will be introduced to the French language for the first time and learn about France. We will launch this exciting topic with our Bonjour! Hook Day on Monday 7th September.

After that, we'll turn up the heat and journey across to the Caribbean for our Cool Caribbean topic, which will run for the remainder of the term. This promises to be a highly creative topic, with a strong focus on art, design technology (DT), and music, alongside geography



Reading

In reading this half term, we will be focusing on the brilliant book *Oliver and the Seawigs*, practising our retrieval and inference skills.

Recommended reading:

If your child is enjoying *Oliver and the Seawigs*, try out some other books by Phillip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre such as *Cakes in Space* and *Pugs of the Frozen North*.



Maths

In maths, the children will be focusing on their place value skills and learn new ways to add and subtract mentally. They will also look at the column method for both operations.

Science

The children will be learning all about light and shadow. We will carry out different tests and investigations to see how light behaves and how shadows are formed.

Geography

The children will be learning about the physical and human features of the Caribbean and comparing them to the UK using atlases, globes and other sources of evidence.

French

We will begin our French learning with greetings and asking introductory questions.

English

As part of our English learning this term, the children will write a non-chronological report about the Caribbean, drawing on their geographical knowledge and research skills.

Home Learning

We would like you to research a country from the Caribbean. Can you locate it on a map? Choose how to display the information. It could be a poster, fact file, power point presentation or collage of pictures.

Due week beginning:
12th October 2026

Art

In art, the children will look at different patterns in fabric and then use printing to create our own Caribbean-inspired fabrics.

DT

We will be learning how to sew and creating our own stuffed sea creatures.

Computing

The children will be learning how to best use the computer system here at CHJS, as well as looking at how to stay safe when using a computer.

Reminders

PE:
Tuesdays (outdoor)
and Wednesdays (indoor)

Spellings:
Given out **Friday** and tested **Thursday**.
Homework due on Friday.

English and Maths Homework:
Set on **Thursday**, due in following **Wednesday**.