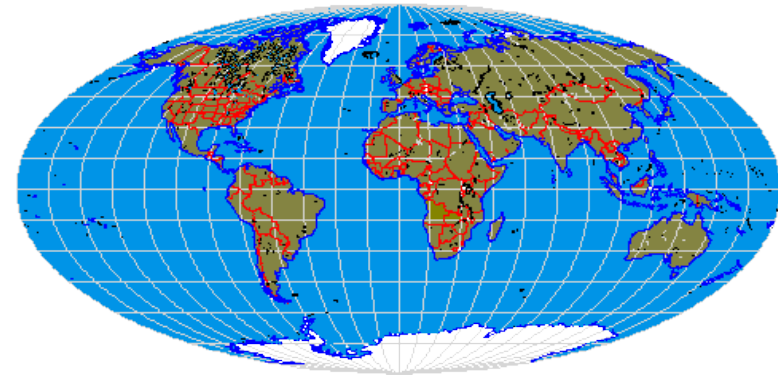


Cavendish Church of England Primary
School

Information for Parents

Spring Term 2016



Weather around the world

Jupiter class

Mr Shore

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after what I hope was a lovely Christmas break. I am looking forward to continuing the fantastic progress which the children have already started this year.

We have an exciting term ahead with our topic looking at 'weather around the world', which will start with by focusing at some of the current weather issues here in the UK. As part of the children's enrichment we have a visit planned to an organic farm, this will be later on this term.

English: We will be looking at information texts for the first part of the half term and using this to look at information about the weather. We will move onto making poems about the weather. There will also be a strong focus on grammar and spelling. The children are making great progress with their phonics work and this will be complimented by grammar work to support and develop skills in writing.

Topic: The main focus this term will be looking at weather in the UK and across the opposite side of the world. We also have a new link to a school in Australia where we will share information about our current weather and customs.

ICT: This half term we will be looking at using ICT to explore the use of the internet. Using this as a source to find out information about the weather around the world. We will record our findings using simple tables and charts.

Art: In Art we will be looking at artwork by JMW Turner and John Constable.

PSCHE: The two main areas we will focus on this term is 'Me and Keeping safe' and 'Me, medicine and drugs'. We will look at different scenarios and how ultimately we must keep ourselves safe and how we should ask for help if we need it.

RE: This term we will focus mainly on Christianity. We will look at Christian beliefs during the first half term and then move onto looking at symbols and artefacts during the second half term. We will have a large focus on Easter as we approach the end of the term.

PE: The children will be looking at types of movement in gymnastics. We will then move this onto linking the types of movement together to make a small routine. The children will need to bring their PE kits into school and will stay in school for the whole half term. Ideally as the weather starts to get colder the children will need warmer clothing, such as tracksuit bottoms and a jumper.

Maths: We have a fantastic new maths scheme to enhance the teaching of the new curriculum with exciting ICT links. Maths will continue to focus on the key areas of maths: problem solving, shape, space, measure, number, and data handling. We will be using and applying our mathematic skills through practical activities. Home support with number bonds, telling the time, and the 2, 5 and 10 tables will be extremely valuable.

Science: We will have a strong focus on how plants grow, describing what a plant needs. There will also be a lot of links to maths and our topic. Using data describe and predict weather patterns.

Children will receive homework on a Wednesday to be due back in school the following Monday. Homework will include spelling practice and sometimes this will support work in topic or may be related to study in maths or literacy and will be differentiated according to year group and ability. Regular reading remains central to children's progress at this stage and a commitment to at least 10 minutes a day will reap rewards. Please remember to ask your child questions about the text as well.

Many thanks,

Mr Shore