

Cavendish Church of England Primary  
School

Information for Parents

Summer Term 2016



Britain in the 1960s

Jupiter Class

Mr Shore

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after what I hope was a lovely Easter 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 Britain in the 1960s.

English: We will be looking at persuasive writing. We will be focusing on comprehension skills to research about Britain in the 1960s. 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 Britain in the 1960s, we will look at the British Commonwealth and how this has changed over time. We will be learning about fashion, music, food, transport, education and technology during the 1960s and making our own similarities and differences between modern Britain. We will also be finding out more from people who grew up during the 60s, and exploring oral history. Start asking your family members!

ICT: This half term we will be looking at using ICT to explore the use of the internet and using this as a source to find out information about Britain in the 1960s.

Art: In Art we will be looking at artwork from Andy Warhol and Bridget Riley. We will look at optical illusions and be making our own logos and symbols.

PSCHE: The two main areas we will focus on this term is 'Me and growing and changing' and 'Me and my feelings'. We will look at how we have grown and developed in the last year.

RE: This term we will focus mainly on Judaism and Christianity. During the first half term we will look at Judaism as a religion, learning about leaders and teachers. We will look at belonging in Christianity during the Second half term.

PE: The children will be learning and practising a dance for our dance festival. The dance is based on the previous topic Weather around the world. The

children will need to bring their PE kits into school and will stay in school for the whole half term. Ideally the weather should start to get warmer, however the children will still need warmer clothing in case the weather is cold on a PE day.

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 materials and their properties. We will explore how different materials can be sorted into different groups based on their properties. We will look into how different materials can be used.

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.

This half term will see the year 2 children having their statutory assessment. As always I wish for everyone to do their best in this so we will focus on key skills in mathematics, reading, grammar and spelling. This is presented as 'challenge work' to the children. Please note we not use the word 'test' or 'SATs' at key stage 1. In June year 1 will have their statutory phonics screening.

Please do not hesitate to speak to me or Miss Wass if you have any queries or concerns.

Many thanks,

Mr Shore