

Cavendish Church of England Primary School

Information for Parents
Autumn Term 2016

Victorian Democracy and Social Change



Neptune Class
Mrs Wilson

Dear Parents

Welcome back to a new term and new school year. I hope you all enjoyed the good weather over the summer.

Our topic for this term is 'Victorian Democracy and Social Change', which will be taught in a cross-curricular manner. We will be looking at key events in the Victorian era such as Queen Victoria and her family, agricultural and industrial development and the life of poor Victorian children. We will use our maths skills to analyse the Booth poverty map of London and in art we will be designing Victorian wallpaper, inspired by the Pre-Raphaelites.

In English, we have started by looking at dramatic conventions of the play script of *Oliver Twist*, before moving on to poetry, stories by significant authors and auto/biographies. Guided reading will be on a Wednesday morning. Spellings, handwriting and presentation will be a constant focus across all subjects. This half-term, we will also have a visit to the Victorian kitchen at Audley End house, and this will include dressing up as Victorians, so start to have a think about appropriate costumes.

Our science this half-term is forces and motion, before moving on to evolution and how animals have adapted to their environment. Maths for this term will focus on number and place value, addition/subtraction, geometry, multiplication/division, fractions, decimals and measurement. We will be using and applying mathematical skills through practical activities, problem solving, formal written methods and mental maths skills. Please support your child in revising their times tables each week. Upper Key Stage 2 maths require a secure knowledge of tables before future skills can be developed.

PSHE this term will focus on 'Me and My Feelings/Relationships' and 'Making a Positive Contribution'. In R.E. will be looking at the Judaism

this half-term and moving on to Christianity. In Computing, we will be 'cracking codes', looking at how messages are encoded and then 'blogging', how we present and share information on the internet. As ever, e-safety skills will be taught. In French, we will focus on greetings this half-term and in music we are practising songs for a music festival later in the term. Details will follow.

Homework will be set on Tuesdays, to be completed by the following Monday. We will continue to use the online maths resource 'My Maths' via your child's log-in details.

P.E. will be on Mondays and Fridays, so please ensure that your child has their full kit in school. It will remain in school until half-term. Please ensure your child has a coat in school for break and lunchtimes.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me, either via the planner, at the end of the school day or via the school e-mail address. Please remember to check your child's planner regularly for messages.

I look forward to working with you over the year.

Mrs Wilson