

Cavendish Church of England Primary School

Information for Parents  
Spring Term 2017

Mars Class

Castles and Dragons



Mrs Lewis

Dear parents,

Welcome back to a new school term. I hope that you all had a very special Christmas season. This leaflet should provide a helpful overview of learning for this Spring term.

Our topic for the Spring term will be 'Castles and Dragons' where we will look at traditional fairy stories, life in a medieval castle, dragons, Saint George and Chinese New Year.

During PSHE we will look at 'Me and Keeping Safe' and then 'Me and Making a Positive Contribution'. The areas of art, PSHE, design technology and ICT will be taught in a cross-curricular manner.

Maths and English will follow the strategy for the foundation stage and will involve a mixture of child and adult initiated activities. I will be sending home phonic word cards along with their reading books. Please practise these daily with your child. I cannot stress the importance of daily reading and phonic practice at home enough.

Please continue to support your child's reading and phonic work and continue to use the reading record. Please encourage your child to segment and blend words and keep learning the 'Tricky Words' also called High Frequency words. Please sign and comment in the reading log each day as this helps us to issue a new book. Your support with sounds and reading is invaluable. Please note that reading that takes place at school is recorded separately. As part of your child's development, we are introducing a special weekly home activity this term. This will be handed out on a Wednesday and due in on the following Monday. Please encourage and support your child in meeting their home challenge.

Our Collective Worship themes are 'Creativity' followed by 'Humility.' In RE this term we will be looking at the life of Jesus and The Story of Noah's Ark. PE will continue to take place on a Wednesday afternoon. Long hair will need to be tied back and earrings removed. PE will happen again at other times during the week, therefore your child will need their PE kit in school. It is easiest to only take it home at half term and at the end of term to wash. French is taught throughout the school and your child will have regular French sessions. These focus on simple greetings and songs.

Please ensure that your child has a coat and suitable footwear everyday. For the adventures of 'Fresh Air Friday', as we will be outside in all weathers, well nearly all, Wellington boots are essential. Please check that they still fit your child. The school provides waterproof trousers.

The children in Mars class settled very quickly into the routines of the school day at Cavendish Primary during the Autumn term and I continue to look forward to lots of learning and fun this term. I thank you for your support. Please may I make a request that all belongings like clothing, water bottles and snack pots are **clearly named**. This will save a lot of time when belongings go astray. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and talk to me at the end of the school day.

Thank you for all the Christmas gifts and cards. May I wish you all the very best for the year ahead.

Mrs Lewis