

Cavendish Church of England Primary School

Information for Parents
Spring Term 2017

Frozen Landscapes



Jupiter Class

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the start of a new term and a new year! Our topic for this term is Frozen Landscapes, and as usual this will be taught in a cross-curricular manner. We will be locating the Arctic and Antarctic on the globe and investigating why these areas have such extreme temperatures and weathers. We will investigate how humans and animals have adapted to survive in these hostile conditions, and consider whether we have a duty of care to protect vulnerable areas around the world. English will see us identifying features of non fiction texts, including explanation texts and non-chronological reports, before moving onto reviewing several stories by the same author. Guided reading and comprehension will continue as a daily focussed session, as will daily phonics, spelling and handwriting. In DT we will be creating our own model igloo. In art we will be looking at ice sculpture and collage, before moving onto Inuit textiles. We will use fabric to create our own textiles. Cooking will see us following instructions to cook frozen foods, and evaluating how important home fridges and freezers are to us.

Our science this term looks at adaptation and survival, including food chains and inter-dependence. We will look at different food types, and how food is sourced. Maths will continue to focus on the key areas: problem solving, shape, space, measure, number, and with some data handling linked to topic. will be focusing on the four operations of number, number bonds and times tables. Children in year 2 need to be fluent in 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 times tables in order to use their knowledge in practical and problem solving activities. Home support with tables, money and telling the time from an analogue clock will greatly benefit your child in class.

Your child has an updated timetable in their planner; please share this to enable your child to arrive in school well-equipped for the day ahead. PE kit will be needed for **Mondays** and **Fridays**, and kit should remain in school. We will be learning team games, and inventing our own games involving throwing and catching skills. Children will continue with the ocarina - this needs to be in school with the book on **Monday**. Please label your child's ocarina and book.

PSHE this term will focus on keeping safe, including e-safety, and the correct use of medicines and drugs. In RE we will be looking at the Hindu faith, investigating key leaders and teachers before studying Christianity and the importance of the Easter Story to Christians. Our Collective Worship starts with the theme of Creativity. We will be looking at diversity of creation, before considering our own creativity and gifts. The second half term we see us considering the theme of Humility.

Computing will be taught as a cross-curricular support to topic, where we will be using global maps, as well as a discrete subject looking at programming. We will be learning about e-safety, and how to present our findings.

Homework will be set on Thursdays, to be completed by the following Tuesday. In addition support with daily reading is incredibly valuable. Please use your time together in this activity to ask questions about the text as well as reading aloud and blending.

Thank you for your continued support,
Miss Wass