

# Saturn Class



Stone Age to the Iron Age

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another academic year! I'm incredibly excited to have joined the Cavendish Primary School community, and look forward to working with everyone here.

This term we are exploring the work of children's author Michael Morpurgo in our **literacy** lessons. During our topic we shall also be learning how to write letters, including writing one to Morpurgo himself. Although there shall be frequent opportunities to read during the school day, it is essential that all children are encouraged to continue regular reading at home. This needn't be limited to fictional books - any form of "real-life" text may be encouraged as reading material, providing it is of appropriate level. Spellings shall be sent home on Fridays and shall be tested at the end of the following week. These shall primarily comprise of frequently misspelt words from children's writing, and must therefore be learnt in order to improve written language.

Our **art, topic and DT** lessons shall all centre around the cultures of emerging Britain, in particular: the Stone age, Bronze age and Iron age. The Bell Beaker people are the inspiration for our art work, in which we shall be exploring the material of clay. In our cooking lessons we shall be creating chickpea salads similar to those enjoyed by the Romans.

Our topic in **science** is forces and magnets. Our lessons shall include a range of practical investigations as well as active exploration of concepts, such as pushes and pulls.

**PE** will take place on Monday afternoons; please ensure children have the appropriate kit for whatever weather is occurring. During the first half term, we shall be working in groups to invent our own games, before progressing to gymnastics after half-term. Year 3 will be enjoying Forest School one afternoon a week before half term, and we shall swap over to allow year 4 to enjoy their outdoor learning after half -term.

During our **ICT** lessons we shall be exploring emails, including the polite and safe way to use them. If possible, it would be lovely to for children to explore these at home before engaging more thoroughly in this area at school.

I look forward to meeting you all throughout the year; please feel free to come and speak to me whenever you feel the need to. I hope you are all looking forward to a year of learning and fun in Saturn Class.

Miss Peters