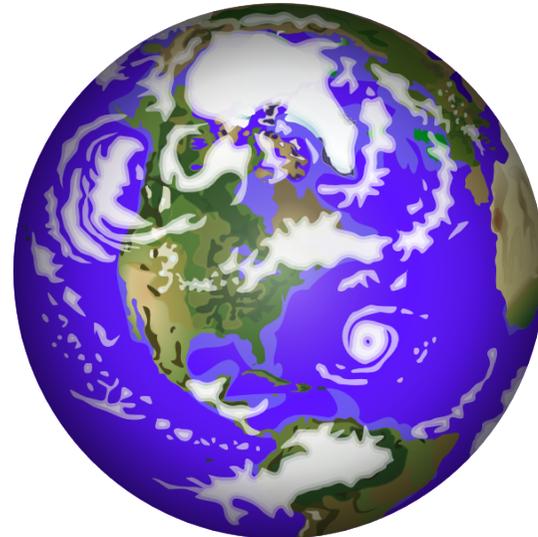


Cavendish Church of England Primary School

Information for Parents

Spring Term 2017

Eco- Planet



Saturn Class

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new term; I hope you've enjoyed a relaxing holiday and are prepared for a new year.

Our topic for this term is eco-planet, which will be taught across a range of subjects. We will be exploring the variety of climate zones on our planet, before considering the extreme weathers of drought and flood. Later in the term we will be studying volcanoes, natural resources and trade. This will include a trip to a local organic farm.

Literacy will see us writing explanation texts, before moving onto poetry and stories involving dilemmas. Guided reading will continue as a focussed session, as well as practise in handwriting and spelling tests on a Friday. Results for this will be recorded in children's planners. In DT we will be creating our own moving vehicles using recycled junk modelling (any spare cereal boxes or tubes will be appreciated!), before cooking locally sourced vegetable soup. In art we will be looking carefully at digital media and photography.

Our science this term focuses on animals and humans, including food chains and skeletons. Numeracy 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.

A few changes have been made to this term's timetable. Your child has an updated timetable in their planner, so please engage with this to ensure they are correctly equipped for each school day. PE kit will be needed for Mondays and Wednesdays, but should remain in school. Please ensure children have warm outdoor clothing for this and appropriate sports footwear. Children will still continue with French and music as part of enrichment. We will be focusing on recorders for this first half-term, so please ensure children have their instruments available on Thursdays.

PSHE this term will focus on keeping safe around medicines, drugs and illness. In RE we will be exploring the beliefs of Hinduism, and figures of inspiration. Later, we will focus on the Easter story.

Computing will be taught as a cross-curricular support to topic, as well as a discrete subject to equip children with many necessary skills. This term the children in Saturn class will be engaging with the Grammar and Spelling Bug programme, during class time, in order to work on personal literacy targets.

Homework for literacy and maths will be set on Mondays, to be completed by Friday. In addition, continued support with daily reading practice is truly vital to making progress. This time spent together can involve conversations and asking questions about the text, as well as reading aloud and decoding.

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Peters