

Cavendish Church of England Primary School

Information for Parents

Summer Term 2017

Ancient Egypt



Saturn Class

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you've enjoyed a relaxing holiday and are feeling ready for a busy term.

Our topic for this term is Ancient Egypt, which will be taught across a range of subjects. We will be exploring the cultures of this ancient civilization, as well as practising using hieroglyphics. This topic will include a clay workshop as part of children's enrichment.

In literacy we will be writing information texts, before exploring recounts and stories set in imaginary worlds. Spelling tests will continue to be held on a Friday, and results for this will be recorded in children's planners. This will be followed by focussed teaching of handwriting and grammar. Guided reading will take place each Wednesday, as an opportunity to develop comprehension and inference skills.

Our science this term focuses on plants, including the different variables they require to grow. In addition to this we will learn to recognise the parts of the plant and their purposes. Later, we will explore a range of habitats.

Maths will continue to focus on the key areas: problem solving, shape, space, measure, number, and data handling. We will be using and applying our mathematic skills through practical activities. Additionally, we will be engaging in the mastery approach, aiming to deepen our understanding of mathematical concepts.

In DT we will be creating our own Egyptian death masks, before cooking honey cakes. In art we will be exploring Ancient Egyptian art and the sculpting of canopic jars.

PE kit will be needed for Mondays and Wednesdays, but should remain in school.

Please ensure children have appropriate sports footwear and a water bottle in school.

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 ourselves safe around water, sun, roads and the internet. Later we will be looking at our bodies growing and changing. In RE we will be exploring the symbolism and religious expression of Christianity. Later, we will focus on Islam and inspirational figures.

Computing will be taught as a cross-curricular support to topic, as well as a discrete subject to equip children with important transferable 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 and returned by Friday. In addition, continued support with daily reading practice is essential to your child's progress. This time spent together should involve dialogue and sharing questions about the text, as well as reading aloud and decoding. It is vital that this practise is recorded briefly in children's planners.

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Peters