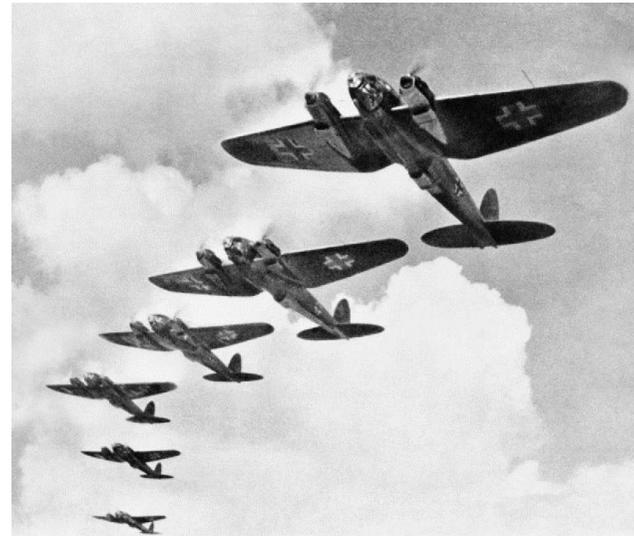


Cavendish Church of England Primary School

Information for Parents
Autumn Term 2017

The Battle of Britain



Neptune Class
Mrs Wilson

Dear Parents

Welcome back to a new term and new school year. I hope you had a lovely summer holiday.

Our topic for this term is 'World War Two and The Battle of Britain, which will be taught in a cross-curricular manner. We will be looking at key events in World War Two, with a particular focus on The Battle of Britain and its importance in shaping the outcome of the war. We will use our geography skills in topic for map work and RE and analytical skills as we consider prejudice and the political landscape of wartime Europe.

In English, we start by studying performance poetry, then move on to imagery poetry, narrative, formal and informal writing. Later in the term, we will be studying journalistic writing and media genres. Guided reading will be on a Friday morning. Spellings, handwriting and presentation will be a constant focus across all subjects. This half-term, we will also have a visit to Duxford Imperial War Museum, and this will include dressing up as children from the 1940s, so start to have a think about appropriate costumes.

Our science this half-term is light, before moving on to electricity. Maths for this term will focus on number and place value, addition/subtraction, geometry, multiplication/division, fractions, decimals and measurement. We will be using and applying mathematical skills through practical activities, problem solving, formal written methods and mental maths skills. Please support your child in revising their times tables each week. Upper Key Stage 2 maths requires a secure knowledge of tables before future skills can be developed.

PSHE this term will focus on 'Me and My Feelings/Relationships' and 'Making a Positive Contribution'. In R.E. will be studying Buddhism and the Journey of Life and Death this half-term and moving on to Christianity after half-term. In Computing, we will be exploring 'app' technology. As ever, e-safety skills will be taught alongside. In French, we will focus numbers and telling the time, how to say your name and age and practising writing sentences. In music we are learning to sing war time songs and practising a recorder piece, so can you ensure that your child has a named recorder in school at all times please.

Homework will be set on Wednesdays, to be completed by the following Monday. This will consist of an English/topic/science/grammar piece, maths and spellings. We will continue to use the online maths resource 'My Maths' via your child's log-in details, so please let us know if accessing a computer at home is not possible. Spellings will be set and tested each Thursday. Miss Wass will take Neptune Class on Fridays.

P.E. will be on Mondays and Wednesdays, so please ensure that your child has their **full** kit in school. Physical education is so important for your child's well-being, so regular participation is essential. The kits should remain in school until half-term, unless they become very muddy, in which case I would send them home. Please ensure your child has a coat in school for break and lunchtimes, in case of bad weather.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me, either via the planner, at the end of the school day or via the school e-mail address. Please remember to check your child's planner regularly for messages.

I look forward to working with you and your children.

Mrs Wilson