

Cavendish Church of England Primary School

Information for Parents

Autumn Term 2017

Anglo-Saxons



Saturn Class

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

Our topic for this term is Anglo-Saxons, which will be taught across a range of subjects. We will be exploring the cultures of these ancient settlers, as well as exploring how their culture flows into our local history. This topic will include a visit to Bury St Edmunds, as part of children's enrichment.

In literacy we will be writing adventure stories, before exploring shape poems. Spelling tests will 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 light and sound, including the ways in which both energies travel. In addition to this we will learn to recognise how shadows are formed. Later, we will explore how sound vibrations change the volume and pitch.

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. It is a statutory requirement that all children have rapid recall of multiplication facts up to 12x12 by the end of year 4, so consistent is vital!

In DT we will be creating our own alarms to protect a precious Anglo-Saxon relic, before cooking delicious porridge. In art we will be exploring Anglo-Saxon weaving and jewellery.

PE kit will be needed for Mondays and Wednesdays, and should remain in school. Please ensure children have appropriate sports footwear and a water bottle in school.

Children will continue with their learning of French and music as part of enrichment. We will be focusing on Gregorian chants and unaccompanied singing for this first half-term.

PSHE this term will focus on recognising our own emotions and feelings. Later we will be looking at how we can make a positive contribution in a range of communities. In RE we will be exploring the worship and sacred spaces of Buddhism. Later, we will compare and contrast this with Christianity.

Computing will be taught as a cross-curricular support to topic, as well as a discrete subject to equip children with important transferable skills. We will be looking at networks to begin the year. This year all children in Saturn class will be engaging with RM maths, during class time, in order to work on personal maths 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.

I look forward to working with you and your child this year,

Miss Peters