

Cavendish Church of England Primary School

Information for Parents
Spring Term 2018

Weather around the World



Jupiter Class
Miss Gant

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to a new school term. I hope that you have all had a restful Christmas break and are ready for an exciting term. This leaflet should provide a helpful overview of learning for this Spring term.

Our topic for the Spring term will be 'Weather around the World' where we will be using a cross-curricular approach to explore different areas of learning. We will keep a daily record of the weather here in Cavendish, compare the weather in the UK to the weather in a school in Australia, find out about the history of the weather forecast and discover why different countries have seasons at different times of the year. We will also take a trip to the Organic Farm (details to follow) to discover how the weather has an effect on the growth of produce.

In Science we will be looking at seasonal changes in the UK and across the world and discover how day length varies throughout the seasons. We will also explore how the weather has an impact on the growth of plants.

In English, we will be using our recordings of the weather to create our own written weather report and using our knowledge of the weather to create poetry on this theme. We will continue with our daily Floppy Phonics sessions where the children will continue to learn new grapheme and alternative pronunciations and spellings for phonemes and graphemes. Some of us will also be looking at the rules of adding suffixes to words. In Guided Reading sessions we will be reading a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts and using these texts to develop our comprehension skills.

In Maths, we will explore lots of different areas including addition, subtraction and fractions in our number work. In measurement we will be learning about time, money and mass, and we will also learn the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. Please support at home with helping your child to read an analogue clock. Our mental maths focus will be number bonds to 10 and the 2, 5 and 10 times tables in Year 1, and number bonds to 20 and the 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 times tables in Year 2.

During PSHE sessions we will look at the topic 'Me and Keeping Safe'. As a class we will explore how to stay safe at home and outside. We will also discuss people who help to keep us safe. In RE lessons we will be looking at the theme of 'believing' in Christianity. We will discuss why God is important to Christians and why everybody is important to God. Our Collective Worship themes are 'Forgiveness' and 'Courage'.

PE sessions will take place on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon. Please ensure long hair is tied back and earrings are removed for these sessions. PE may sometimes be on a different day so please ensure PE kits stay in school for the whole week. In our music lessons we will be learning to play Hot Cross Buns on the ocarina - this will need to be in school with the book on Thursdays.

Maths and English homework will be set on Thursdays to be returned by the following Tuesday. The class will also have their reading books changed on a Monday morning and a new list of spellings will be stuck into their planners. Please continue to support your child's reading and spelling work at home. Please take reading time as an opportunity to discuss and ask questions about the text and encourage your child to use the look, say, cover, write, check method when practising their spellings.

I am looking forward to teaching Jupiter class and would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the very best for the year ahead.

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