

Cavendish Church of England Primary School

Information for Parents

Spring Term 2018

*Ancient Greece*



Saturn Class

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you've enjoyed a relaxing festive period and are feeling refreshed for a new year.

Our topic for this term is *Ancient Greece*, which will be taught across a range of subjects. We will be exploring the cultures of this ancient civilization, as well as identifying how it has impacted our modern society. This topic will include a visit to the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge, as part of children's enrichment.

In literacy we will be reading ancient *Greek* myths and legends, before exploring playscripts. 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 electricity, including the construction of simple circuits and the use of energy in modern appliances. In addition to this we will learn to sort conductive materials. Later, we will discover the importance of a switch.

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 ancient *Greek* battle ships, as well as cooking tzatziki . In art we will be exploring Ancient *Greek* pottery and the patterns used to decorate them.

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

Children will continue with their French and music as part of enrichment. We will be focusing on preparing our singing for our performance after half term. In French, we will be learning to state our age, birthday and describe the place in which we live.

PSHE this term will focus on our understanding of medicines and drugs. Later we will be looking at how we can lead healthy lifestyles in order to remain healthy. In RE we will be exploring the impact of religious practises on the individual, focusing on Hinduism. Later, we will compare this to the practises of Christians.

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 we will be using RM maths daily, during class time, in order to work on personal maths targets. Some children will also be using spelling programmes to develop understanding of spelling rules.

Homework for literacy and maths will be set on Mondays, to be completed and returned by Friday. It is important that this is returned on time, in order to be marked accurately. 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