

Cavendish Church of England Primary School

Information for Parents

Summer Term 2018



Rainforests

Saturn Class

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

Our topic for this term is Rainforests, which will be explored through a range of subjects. We will be learning about the tribal cultures of the rainforest, as well as the wild animals and plant species there. As part of children's enrichment, we will have a hands-on workshop to see some of the mini-beasts and bugs from the Amazon Rainforest.

In literacy we will be reading stories from rainforest cultures of India. We will also be researching and writing our own information texts about endangered creatures found in the rainforest. After learning about the importance of the rainforest, we will write persuasively to encourage others to protect the forests from deforestation.

Spelling tests will continue to be held on a Friday, starting with a fresh new list on week 1. Results for these tests will be recorded in children's planners - stickers and house points are rewards for full points! During personalised learning we will continue to practise using our inferential, predictive and deduction skills.

Our science this term focuses on rocks, including the formation of igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary rocks. We will also learn about the formation of fossils. Later, we will experiment with the actions need to change the state of substances.

Maths will continue to focus on the key areas: problem solving, shape, space, measure, number, and data handling. We will be measuring carefully to explore the length of the Amazon river. Additionally, we will be continuing with the mastery approach, aiming to deepen our understanding of mathematical concepts.

In DT we will create our own moving rainforest creatures. We will also safely prepare and sample some exotic tropical fruits. In art we will be exploring the work of botanical artist Margaret Mee, who focused on rainforest plants as her subjects.

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

Children will continue with their French and music. We will be listening to and performing aboriginal music, using Garageband and instruments. In French, we will be learning to state our age and describe the place in which we live.

PSHE this term will focus on keeping ourselves safe in different situations. Later we will be looking at how our bodies change as we grow and develop. In RE we will be exploring the Christian belief of a mission in their lives, and we will consider what our own mission might be.

In computing we will research areas of our topic to support our information writing. We will also use Microsoft Excel to record and graph the weather patterns of Brazil. We will then use this to compare with our British weather. We will be continuing our daily use of RM maths, to work on personal maths targets.

Maths homework will be set on Mondays, to be completed and returned by Friday. Other homework will be shown on the new homework grid - children have a choice of activities and must complete one each week. Presentation is down to your choice so make it exciting and amazing!

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Peters