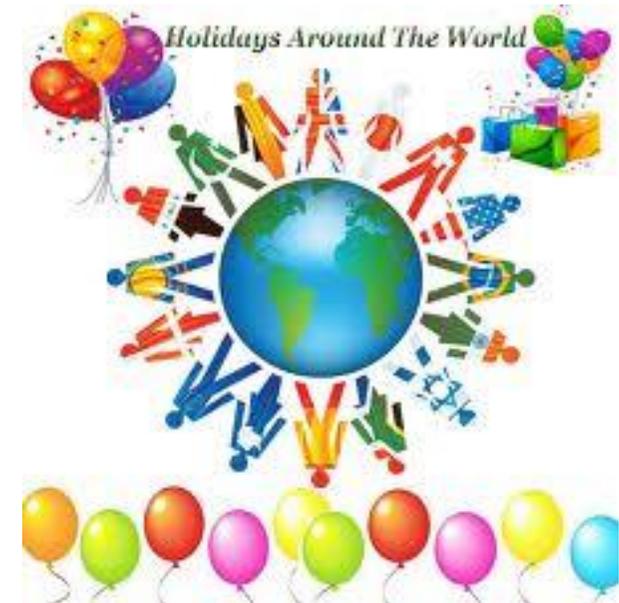


Cavendish Church of England Primary School

Information for Parents
Autumn Term 2018

Mars Class

Celebrations and Festivals



Mrs Lewis

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new term and a new school year. I hope this leaflet will provide a helpful overview of learning for the term.

Our topic for the Autumn term will be 'Celebrations and Festivals'. We will look at different festivals celebrated by different cultures and why they are celebrated. We will learn all about the Christian Harvest Festival, the Jewish Festival of the Tabernacles, Sukkot, followed by the Gunpowder Plot and the activities of Guy Fawkes and democracy. We will observe Remembrance Day and then we will learn about the Hindu festival of Diwali, finishing with Christmas.

During PSHE we will be looking at our roles and rights in our community, democracy and the rule of law. The areas of art, PSHE, design technology and computing will be taught in a cross-curricular manner.

Mathematics and English will follow the strategy for the foundation stage and will involve a mix of child and adult initiated activities. Enjoying language and literacy is a key part of child development and sits alongside the use of phonics as a strategy for learning to read and to decode print. Our Maths work follows maths mastery concepts where we explore using kinaesthetic concrete resources, before learning to represent these pictorially and then in abstract through our use of digit familiarisation.

In Collective Worship this term we will be looking at 'Generosity' and 'Service.' In RE we will learn about why God is so important to Christians. The celebrations of Sukkot and the building of the Sukkah will enhance our learning about the generosity of God. Harvest Festival is another opportunity to learn of God's kindness. We will also learn about the Light Festivals of Diwali, Hannukah and Christmas and how they are similar yet different. We will also look at why Christians perform Nativity plays at Christmas.

Music will take place on a Friday afternoon. PE will take place on a Tuesday. Long hair will need to be tied back and earrings removed at home in preparation for PE lessons. PE will happen again at other times during the week during the week, therefore your child will need their PE kit in school at all times. It is easiest only to take it home at half term and at the end of term to wash. French is taught throughout the school and your child will have regular French sessions. These focus on simple greetings and songs.

At first your child will bring home a book for you to share together. When your child is ready, they will also bring home sound cards and more phonic based books linked to learning in class. I hope you can share these with your child and return the books the next day. Your child will also have a reading record. This is to record reading activities that take place at home. Please sign and comment. Please note that reading at school is recorded separately. Please read with your child daily as this accelerates their learning to read.

Please ensure that your child has a coat and suitable footwear everyday. For the adventures of 'Fresh Air Friday', we will be outside in all weathers, well nearly all, so Wellington boots will be an advantage. The school provides waterproof trousers. All personal items must be named, either labels or laundry pen.

I am looking forward to lots of learning and fun this year and I thank you for your support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and talk to me at the end of the school day.

Mrs Lewis