

Cavendish Church of England Primary
School

Autumn Term 2018
Saturn Class



Stone Age to the Iron Age

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you have had an exciting and energising Summer holidays. We are about to start our brand new year of learning and fun in Saturn Class, so do keep this information to hand.

This term we are exploring a couple of different stories by children's author Julia Donaldson in our **literacy** lessons. We shall also be learning how to write letters, including writing one to Julia Donaldson herself.

It is essential that all children have the opportunity to read aloud to you daily. This can include any form of "real-life" text, providing it is of an appropriate level. Spellings shall be sent home at the start of each half term, and will be tested each Friday.

Maths this term will focus on the key areas of place value, adding, subtracting, dividing and multiplying. We shall be applying our mathematic skills through a range of practical activities. In addition to this, 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 and division facts up to 12x12 by the end of year 4. The children will be tested on a multiplication table of their choice each Friday, with the aim to completing their sticker charts. Regular practise at home is essential.

Our **art** lessons will all centre around the cultures of emerging Britain, in particular: the Stone age, Bronze age and Iron age. The Bell Beaker people are the inspiration for our art work, in which we shall be exploring the material of clay. In our cooking lessons we shall be creating chickpea salads similar to those enjoyed by the Romans.

In our topic lessons we will be exploring the homes, food, art and culture of the people of emerging Britain. We will learn about the construction of Stone Henge, the tools of the Bronze Age and the hill forts of the Iron Age. After half term we will be learning about the Romans and their impact on Britain, including our modern world.

Our topic in **science** is forces and magnets. Our lessons shall include a range of practical investigations as well as active exploration of concepts, such as pushes and pulls. We will be sorting materials to discover which are magnetic and consider the uses for magnets in day to day life.

PE will take place on Monday afternoons and Wednesday afternoons; ensure your children have the appropriate school PE kit for the weather. On Monday we shall be developing our football and team work skills, considering both the rules and techniques. On Thursday we will be giving ourselves time to breathe and be calm with tai-chi. After half term we will be exploring our balance and curling in gymnastics. We will be practising and performing to music.

During our **computing** lessons we will be exploring emails, including the polite and safe way to use them. We will recap how we can keep ourselves safe when using the internet. After half term we will be videoing our gymnastics performance, with the aim of analysing and improving our movements.

In **RE** we will be learning about Judaism and the impact of this religion on the people following it. We will be contrasting this with Christianity and the community that comes from both these faiths.

I look forward to working with you all throughout the year; please feel free to come and speak to me during dismissal or do leave a note in your child's planner.

Miss Peters