

Cavendish Church of England Primary School

Information for Parents

Spring Term 2019

Eco-



Planet

Saturn Class

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a brand new term! I hope you've enjoyed a relaxing holiday and are prepared for a new year.

Our topic for this term is eco-planet, which will be taught across a range of subjects. We will be exploring the variety of climate zones on our planet, before considering the extreme weathers of drought and flood. Later in the term we will be studying volcanoes, natural resources and trade. This will include a trip to a local organic farm.

Literacy will see us reading playscripts in preparation for our own performance, before writing explanation texts about topics from our Eco Planet lessons. Guided reading will continue as a focussed session, in which we examine a range of different genres. Results for this will be recorded in children's planners. In DT we will be creating our own moving vehicles using recycled junk modelling (any spare cereal boxes or tubes will be appreciated!), before cooking locally sourced vegetable soup. In art we will be looking carefully at digital media and photography.

Our science this term focuses on animals and humans, including food chains and skeletons. Numeracy will continue to focus on the key areas of maths: problem solving, shape, space, measure, number, and data handling. We will be using and applying our mathematic skills through practical activities and mastery problems.

Our timetable has remained the same, but do please engage with this to ensure your child is correctly equipped for each school day. PE kit will be needed for Mondays and Thursdays, but should remain in school. Please ensure children have warm outdoor clothing available for this and appropriate sports footwear. Children will continue to learn new vocabulary and phrases in French. We will be learning the songs for our play during our music and will then continue to learn the recorder after half term.

PSHE this term will focus on keeping ourselves safe around medicines, drugs and illness. In RE we will be exploring the beliefs of Hinduism, and the meaning of Dharma. Later in the term, we will focus on the Christian Easter story.

Computing will be taught as a cross-curricular support to topic, as well as a discrete subject to equip children with many necessary skills. We will be creating our own stories using Scratch Animation and coding

Homework options are available on our class page of the school website, and need to be completed by Friday. In addition, continued support with daily reading practice is truly vital to your child's progress in English. This time spent together may involve conversations and asking questions about the text, but may just be a quick five minutes. Both are valuable! Times tables practise is also essential for year 3 and 4 children in order to access the LKS2 maths curriculum.

We would like to say a big thank you for your continued support with home learning. We look forward to working with you all this term!

Miss Peters and Mrs Byford