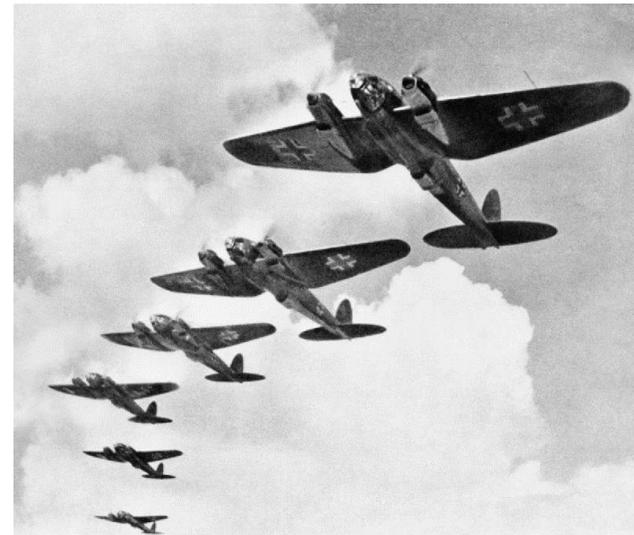


Cavendish Church of England Primary School

Information for Parents  
Autumn Term 2019

The Battle of Britain



Neptune Class  
Mrs Reynolds

*Challenge, Creativity, Compassion: Create a pure heart in me - Psalm 51:10*

Dear Parents

Welcome back to a new term and new school year. I hope you had a lovely summer holiday. It has been a real pleasure to see the children in class this week.

Our topic for this term is The Battle of Britain, which will be taught in a cross-curricular manner. We will be looking at key events in World War Two, with a particular focus on The Battle of Britain and its importance in shaping the outcome of the war. We will use our geography skills in topic for map work and RE and analytical skills as we consider prejudice and the political landscape of wartime Europe. Using our historical skills, we will study and evaluate sources for primary and secondary evidence.

In English, we base our writing around Letters from the Lighthouse, which will involve writing a diary entry from the perspective of a refugee, writing a balanced argument about demolishing the lighthouse and what to do with a captured German airman. We will also write instructions about using bomb shelters and escaping from quick sand. Later in the term, we will be looking at persuasive writing by studying war-time propaganda posters and movies and contemporary newspapers, culminating in writing a letter to Mr Churchill. We will look at the beautiful imagery of High Flight by John Magee before writing our own poems, in preparation for VE Day celebrations later in the year. Guided reading will be on a Friday morning. Spellings, handwriting and presentation will be a constant focus across all subjects.

This term, we will also have a visit to Duxford Imperial War Museum, and this will include dressing up as evacuee children to help us have empathy with this experience. We will be discussing clothing as part of our topic.

Maths for this term will focus on number and place value, addition/subtraction, multiplication/division and measurement. We will be using and applying mathematical skills through practical activities, problem solving, formal written methods and mental maths skills. Please support your child in revising their times tables daily. Upper Key Stage 2 maths requires a secure knowledge of tables before future skills can be developed. Our science this half-term is light, before moving on to electricity. In DT, we will be

planning to create a bomb shelter and constructing a periscope. We will also plan and cook a war-time rations menu.

PSHE this term will focus on 'My Role and Rights in our Community' and 'Democracy and the Rule of Law'. In R.E. will be studying Buddhism and the Journey of Life and Death this half-term and moving on to Christianity after half-term. In computing, we will be exploring 'app' technology. As ever, e-safety skills will be taught alongside. In French, we will recapping on numbers and telling the time, learning how to talk about ourselves and writing sentences. In music, we will be learning to sing well-known war-time songs, Pack up your Troubles and Keep the Home Fires Burning, and practising Jingle Bells on our recorders, so please ensure that your child has a named recorder in school at all times. In art, we will study war artists Henry Moore and Evelyn Dunbar.

Homework will be set on Wednesdays, to be completed by the following Monday. This will consist of an English/topic/science/grammar piece, maths and spellings. We will continue to use the online maths resource 'My Maths' via your child's log-in details, so please let us know if accessing a computer at home is not possible. Spellings will be practised daily in school, with a spelling test on Thursdays and homework to research spelling rules.

P.E. will be on Mondays and Tuesdays, so please ensure that your child has their **full** kit in school. Kits should remain in school until half-term, unless they become very muddy, in which case they will be sent home. Please ensure your child has a coat in school for break and lunchtimes, in case of bad weather.

Finally, Year 6 will have Forest School in the second autumn half-term and will be planning and cooking a recipe from a WW2 rations book in DT.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me, either via the planner, at the end of the school day or via the school office. Please remember to check your child's planner regularly for messages.

I look forward to working with you and your children.

Mrs Reynolds