

# Cavendish Church of England Primary School

Information for Parents  
Autumn Term 2021

## Deserts and Savannas



## Jupiter Class

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

Dear parents and carers, (apologies for any confusion caused. Children should come in PE kits on Thursday and Friday)

Welcome back to a new school year. I hope that you have all had a fantastic summer break and are ready for an exciting and very busy term. This leaflet should provide a helpful overview of learning for this autumn term.

Our topic for the autumn term will be 'Deserts and Savannah Plains' where we will be using a cross-curricular approach to explore different areas of learning. We will be using globes and atlases to identify continents and countries, looking at different habitats in Africa and identifying geographical similarities and differences between parts of Africa and the UK. We will also learn about different African animals including how they are adapted to suit their environment.

In Science we will be learning about 'animals including humans'; focusing on how animals and humans change as they grow and what animals need to survive in their habitats. We will be finding out about different food groups and looking at how much of each we should eat.

In English, we will look at stories from other cultures. We will read a range of books that are set in different parts of Africa and using these to write our own stories. We will also be writing our own poems and instructions later in the term. We will continue with our daily Floppy Phonics sessions where the children will continue to learn new graphemes and alternative pronunciations and spellings for phonemes and graphemes. Some of us will also be looking at the rules of adding suffixes to words. In Guided Reading sessions we will be reading a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts and using these texts to develop our comprehension skills.

In Maths, we will explore lots of different areas including place value, addition, subtraction, money and shape. Year 1 will be focusing their number work on numbers to 20, whilst year 2 will be extending their knowledge by working with numbers to 100. Our mental maths focus will be number bonds to 10 and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s in year 1, and number bonds to 20 and the 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 times tables in year 2.

In PSHE sessions we will look at the topic 'My roles and rights in the community'. As a class we will explore our roles and rights within school, at home and in the wider community. In RE lessons we will be looking at the theme of 'believing' in Judaism and Christianity. We will discover why the Torah is important to Jewish people and why Christians call Jesus their saviour.

PE sessions will take place on a Thursday and Friday afternoon. Please ensure long hair is tied back and earrings are removed for these sessions.

In our music lessons we will be looking at African drumming and percussion. Later in the term we will be practising a tune on the ocarinas. Please ensure your child has an ocarina and music book as they will be learning to play the ocarina throughout their time in Jupiter class. Ocarinas will need to be in school throughout the week but will go home on a Friday for practise.

Maths and English homework will be set on Monday to be returned by the following Monday. The class will also have their reading books changed on a Monday morning and a new list of spellings to practise reading and writing. Please continue to support your child's reading and spelling work at home. Please take reading time as an opportunity to discuss and ask questions about the text and encourage your child to use the look, say, cover, write, check method when practising their spellings.

I am very much looking forward to this year of teaching in Jupiter class and observing the great progress the children make.

Mrs Clarke