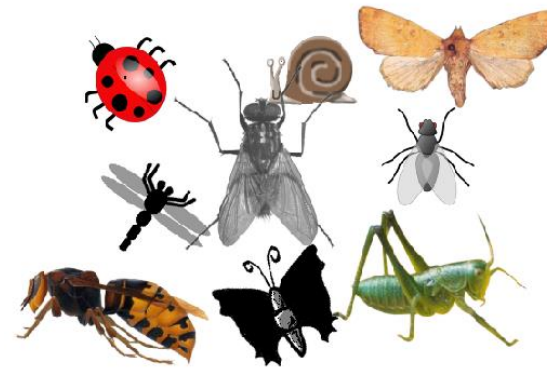


Cavendish Church of England Primary School

Information for Parents Summer Term 2022

Mars Class Mini-beast and Mini-world



Mrs Lewis

Dear parents and carers,

I hope this leaflet will provide a helpful overview of learning for the Summer term ahead.

Our topic for this Summer half term will be 'Mini-beasts and mini-world'. We will be finding out all about creepy crawlies, insects that fly and the life cycles of butterflies and frogs. We will spend plenty of time outside going on mini-beast hunts and bringing them back the Bug Laboratory to take a closer look at them through magnifying glasses, in bug pots and using a microscope. The bugs will be set free afterwards and we will take care not to harm them. We will also spend time in our Pond and Wildlife Area where we will have the opportunity to do some pond dipping! We are also hoping that some mini-beast will visit us!

During PSHE we will look at how to keep ourselves healthy by practising good hygiene, by eating a healthy diet, getting enough exercise, getting enough sleep and the importance of relaxation. The areas of art, design technology and Computing will be taught in a cross-curricular manner. Later in the term, we will be looking at the work and life of Thomas Gainsborough and this will be the focus for the second part of the term.

Maths and English will follow the strategy for the foundation stage and will involve a mix of child and adult initiated activities. We are going to do lots of adding and subtracting of two single digit numbers and two 2-digit numbers and counting in twos, fives and tens. Doubling and halving and sharing are skills we will develop this term. Please support your child by finding some real life contexts in which they can practise these skills e.g. numbers required for laying the table, numbers of birds spotted, telegraph posts etc. Subitising is an important skill to learn in EYFS. Jack Hartmann on Youtube will be helpful to your child.

In RE this term we will be looking at 'How can we care for our wonderful world?' The Collect Worship Themes are 'Perseverance' and 'Peace'. PE will take place on a Wednesday afternoon. Long hair will need to be tied back and earrings removed. PE will happen again later during the week, therefore your child will need their PE kit in school. It is best to take it home only at half term and at the end of term to wash, as we may change the session due to bad weather. French is taught throughout the school and your child will have regular French sessions. The focus this term is 'In the classroom.'

The children are steadily becoming more confident in their reading and your daily practice at home is so very beneficial to their rate of progress. I cannot stress enough the importance to daily reading at home. Your support is invaluable to the progress in their reading. Please sign the Reading Log and make a comment about the children's ability and enjoyment in the reading of each book. Do find time each day to practise blending, sounds and tricky words. More reading books can be found on the Floppy Phonics Online website and the login username is 'mars3010' and the password is 'mars'.

Please ensure that your child has a coat and suitable footwear every day. 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, but we hope the weather will be a lot warmer now that it is the Summer term. Please send a named sunhat into school, which can be left in the children's drawers and apply sun cream on those sunnier days before the children come to school. Please note that we are unable to administer sun cream.

I am sure we will continue to have lots of fun in our learning in Mars Class this term, at home and at school. I thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to communicate to me via telephone or the admin email, admin@cavendish.suffolk.sch.uk.

Homework will be going home each Monday with some more challenges and learning on Google Classroom.

Mrs Lewis