

Cavendish Church of England Primary School

Information for Parents  
Summer Term 2022

The Vikings



Neptune Class  
Mrs Halpin & Mrs Ward

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

Dear Parents and children

Welcome back to the summer term. Summer term is very busy in Neptune Class; we have many exciting opportunities coming up over the next few weeks.

Our topic for this term is The Vikings, which will be taught in a cross-curricular manner. In topic, we will be analysing information to understand more about this period in history - focusing on the lives of the Vikings, their inventions and the impact of their raids on the Anglo-Saxon people in Britain, including using maps to help us understand the reach of invasions, through studying place names.

In English, we will be using the text Beowulf to support our learning and creating instructions, recounts and short stories with flashbacks based on our topic. We are also very excited to be starting our play Much Ado About Nothing in preparation for our performance at the Wolsey Theatre in July. As well as learning the play, we will be studying the script and looking closely at the characters and relationships within the text.

Maths for this term will focus on ratio, properties of shape, position and direction, conversion of measures and statistics. We will be using and applying mathematical skills through practical activities, fluency-based activities, reasoning and problem solving. Please continue to support your child in revising their essential maths knowledge; all essential knowledge is listed in the document sent home at the parent consultation meetings. RM Maths is a fantastic support to keep fluency in key maths skills going. 15 minutes of RM Maths each day would help consolidate learning.

Our science will focus on the solar system, including the Earth, Sun, Moon and other planets. As well as studying the movement of the planets, we will learn about the sun and how the Earth's movement can help us tell the time, by creating sun dials. We will consider the development of theories about the solar system over time, including researching Copernicus. Finally, we will think about the role of space research and study the life of astronauts Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake.

In computing, we will be creating spreadsheets and developing our programming skills. In French, we will re-capping on numbers, telling the time, learning how to talk about ourselves and the weather. In music, we will be encountering the music of Sibelius' Fifth symphony and learning to play a piece on the recorder. In art, we will study Viking art in the form of carvings and embroidery of the Bayeux Tapestry.

Miss Wass will continue to teach PSHE and RE on Friday afternoons. In PSHE, we will be continuing our learning on relationships and completing the relationships and sex education aspect of learning. In summer term 2, learning will focus on living in the wider world. This unit of learning will include our communities, economic wellbeing and digital and media resilience. In RE, we will be exploring the journey through life in Buddhism and happiness being a goal of life in Humanism.

Homework will continue to be set on Mondays, to be completed by the following Monday. This will consist of one piece of weekly spelling lists, maths homework set on My Maths and an English based activity set on Google Classroom. **Please ensure that homework is completed each week. If your child cannot access their homework at home, they can choose a lunchtime during the week to complete the homework in school.**

PE will be on Mondays and Fridays. Friday sessions will either be swimming or PE in school with Miss Santinelli. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct kit to school for PE lessons. Long hair needs to be tied back on PE/swimming days and earrings will need to be covered or removed before the lesson.

We will continue to visit the school library on Thursday afternoons. Please continue to support your child with their reading at home and help them to keep a record of their reading in their school planners. Planners will be checked on Monday mornings.

Thank you for your continued support and we're looking forward to another busy term in Neptune Class. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Halpin & Mrs Ward