

Cavendish Church of England Primary School

Information for Parents
Autumn Term 2021

The Battle of Britain



Neptune Class
Mrs Halpin

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 and are ready for an exciting term in Neptune class.

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, our writing will be based on the text Letters from the Lighthouse, which will involve narrative writing, a diary entry and informal and formal letters. Later in the term, we will be looking at persuasive writing by studying war-time propaganda posters and developing our journalistic writing skills. Spellings, handwriting and presentation will be a constant focus across all subjects. The class will be reading their guided reading texts in school in preparation for focused guided reading sessions on Monday mornings.

This term, we are hoping to 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 fractions. We will be using and applying mathematical skills within fluency, reasoning and problem-solving activities. Our afternoon Mini Maths sessions will focus on essential knowledge including times tables, measurements, formal written methods and mental math 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 where we will investigate periscopes and morse code before moving on to electricity. In DT, we will be planning to create a bomb shelter and plan and cook a war-time rations menu.

E-safety will continue to be a priority in our computing lessons and will be taught alongside our skills units. This we will be developing our understanding of search engines and finding out how to create 3D models on a computer. In French, we will be exploring months of the year, birthdays and classroom objects. We will continue to practise speaking, reading and writing in French. 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 Monkey Business 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.

On Friday afternoons, Miss Wass will be teaching RE and PSHE lessons. In PSHE this term we will focus on 'My Role and Rights in our Community' and 'Democracy and the Rule of Law'. In R.E. we will be studying Judaism this half-term and moving on to Christianity after half-term. We will be exploring theological concepts such as 'holiness' and incarnation.

Homework will 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.

PE will be on Mondays and Wednesdays, so please ensure that your child is wearing their **full** kit to school. Long hair needs to be tied back on PE days and earrings will need to be covered or removed before the lesson. Please ensure your child has a coat in school for break and lunchtimes, in case of bad weather.

We are pleased to see the return of the school library this term. Children will be able to go to the library on a Thursday afternoon every other week. 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.

I am very much looking forward to the year ahead and am delighted with the hardworking and positive learning attitudes Neptune class have shown me in the first week of term.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Halpin