

Cavendish Church of England Primary School

Information for Parents
Spring Term 2020

Mars Class
Castles and Dragons



Mrs Lewis

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to a new school term. I hope that you all had a very special Christmas season and thank you for all the lovely gifts that I received. This leaflet will provide a helpful overview of learning for this Spring term.

Our topic for the Spring term will be 'Castles and Dragons' where we will look at traditional fairy stories, life in a medieval castle and dragons, Saint George and Chinese New Year.

During PSHE we will look at who keeps us safe and how we can begin to keep ourselves safe. The areas of art, PSHE, design technology and ICT will be taught in a cross-curricular manner.

Maths and English will follow the strategy for the foundation stage and will involve a mix of child and adult initiated activities. I will continue to send home *tricky word* and *phonic word* cards along with their reading books. Please practice these *daily* with your child. I cannot stress the importance of daily reading and phonics practice at home enough. Continue to support your child's reading and continue to use the reading record. Encourage your child to blend and segment words and keep learning the tricky words and sign and comment. Please note that reading that takes place at school is recorded separately.

In RE this term we will be looking at *How Christians help others when they need it* and *Why do Christians put a cross in and Easter garden?* Our Collective worship themes are *Creativity* and *Humility*. PE will continue to take place on Wednesdays. 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 to be kept in school. It is easiest only to take it home at half term and at the end of term to wash. French is taught throughout the school and your child will have regular French sessions. These focus on simple greetings and songs.

Please ensure that your child has a coat and suitable footwear every day. For the adventures of 'Fresh Air Friday' as we will be outside in all weathers, well nearly all, so Wellington boots and warm socks are imperative. The school provides waterproof trousers.

The children in Mars class settled very quickly into the routines of the school day at Cavendish Primary during the Autumn term and I continue to look forward to lots of learning and fun this term and I thank you for your support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and talk to me at the end of the school day.

Mrs Lewis