

Cavendish Church of England Primary School

Information for Parents

Anglo-Saxons

Autumn Term 2021



Saturn Class

Challenge, Creativity, Compassion

"Create a pure heart in me." - Psalm 51:10

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you've enjoyed a relaxing summer holiday and are feeling ready for a busy new term.

Our topic for this term is fall of the Romans to the Anglo-Saxons, which will be taught across a range of subjects. We will be exploring the cultures of these ancient settlers, as well as exploring how their culture flows into our local history. This topic will include a visit to Bury St Edmunds, as part of children's enrichment.

In literacy we will be writing adventure stories, before exploring shape poems. Spelling tests will be given each Friday, and results for this will be recorded in children's planners. This will be followed by focussed teaching of handwriting and grammar. Guided reading will take place every Monday, as an opportunity to develop comprehension and inference skills.

Our science this term focuses on light and sound, including the ways in which both energies travel. In addition to this we will learn to recognise how shadows are formed. Later, we will explore how sounds and vibrations change the volume and pitch. We will be experimenting and investigating these two scientific topics.

Maths will continue to focus on the key areas: problem solving, shape, space, measure, number, and data handling. We will be developing our understanding of written methods for calculations. Additionally, we will be engaging in the mastery approach, aiming to deepen our understanding of mathematical concepts. It is a statutory requirement that all children have rapid recall of multiplication facts up to 12x12 by the end of year 4, so consistent practise at home is vital! This year all children in Saturn class will be engaging with RM maths, during class time, in order to work on personal maths targets.

In DT we will be creating our own musical instruments based on Anglo-Saxon evidence, before cooking delicious porridge. In art we will be exploring Anglo-Saxon weaving and jewellery.

Full PE kits should be worn on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please ensure children have appropriate sports footwear, a water bottle in school every day, tape if needed to cover earrings and hair tied back.

Children will continue with their learning of French and will be learning some seasonal phrases and Parisian landmarks. In music, we will be focusing on Gregorian chants and unaccompanied singing for this first half-term. After the holidays, we will be learning the recorder, so do make sure children have an instrument.

PSHE this term will focus on our roles and rights within the community. Later we will be looking at democracy and the rule of law. In RE, we will learn about some of the stories of Hinduism. Later, we will be exploring the importance of Christian missions.

Computing will be taught as a cross-curricular support to topic, as well as a discrete subject to equip children with important transferable skills. We will be looking at networks to begin the year and will then work as a class to create a wiki entry about Anglo-Saxons.

Homework will be set on Mondays to be completed by the following Monday. This will consist of maths homework set on My Maths and an English based activity set on Google Classroom. Spelling homework will be given out at the beginning of each term with a week by week breakdown.

I look forward to working with you and your child this year. Please feel free to come and introduce yourself during dismissal; for individual conversations about your child please telephone the school office to arrange a more suitable time.

Miss Santinelli