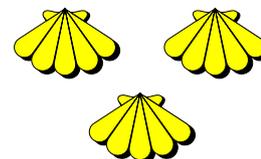


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Autumn 2017 Newsletter

Year 4 - Violet Class

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another exciting school year. I hope you had a great Summer holiday and are looking forward to the year ahead.

Here is a brief outline of the main topics we will be covering this term:

In Literacy we will be working to develop our skills in narrative writing with a focus on Traditional Tales. As well as poetry and report writing we will also be looking in depth at one selected book - The Spiderwick Chronicles. Guided Reading sessions will continue each week, where the children will continue to develop their reading and comprehension skills. Spelling and handwriting will also be taught on a regular basis. The children will continue with Big Writing in order to further develop their independent writing skills and be working towards their pen licence.

In Numeracy we will be looking at addition and subtraction in many forms and be describing and visualising 3D and 2D shapes. We will suggest suitable units and measuring equipment to estimate or measure length, mass and capacity. We will develop strategies to count on and back in repeated steps of different numbers. We will use all four operations to solve word problems involving money and measures. We will also be looking at multiplication and division, fractions and decimals. A sound knowledge of times tables, up to and including times twelve, is essential and any opportunity for your child to practise their times tables will be of considerable benefit to them across a range of maths topics.

We will begin with the unit 'habitats' in Science. Within this unit, we will study animals and organisms that live in a variety of habitats and also their food chains. We will also look at the impact humans have on a variety of habitats. Within our overall topic, we will be looking at how to improve the environment around the school. We will also be looking at animals and humans with a particular emphasis on the digestive system, teeth and a variety of food chains.



In RE the children will begin to learn about Hinduism and Christianity and how they are similar and different to each other. In the lead up to Christmas we will look in detail at the events surrounding the birth of Christ and the significance of Advent as a time of preparation.

In Art we will be concentrating on the 'Expressionist Movement' with a close look at the life and work of Russian artist Wasily Kandinsky.

We will use the ICT suite twice a week to continue developing our general computer skills. Our first unit will be to create a branching database, linked to our 'habitats' unit. We will then use a word processor to practise writing for different audiences.

In Geography we will begin to develop a greater knowledge of the countries of Europe (including Russia) using maps to focus on the key physical features and major cities.

Our History topic will look at the Anglo-Saxon settlements and the fall of the Roman Empire. This topic will enable the children to explore the world of the Anglo-Saxons, understand why they came to Britain and learn how Britain has influenced and been influenced by the wider world.

In P.E. we will be developing our skills within tag-rugby and gymnastics. Please make sure that your child has the correct PE kit, royal blue T-shirt, navy shorts and plimsolls or trainers, all clearly labelled. As the weather becomes colder, you may wish to provide your child with jogging bottoms too. Please have hair tied back and earrings removed.

Homework will continue this year. It will be given out on a Monday and needs to be returned on Friday please. Spellings will be given to the children each week and they will be tested each week. Please continue to read with your child each night. It really does make a difference to their development. Projects will continue this year and they will be based on topics being studied at school. I will give more information on these nearer the time.

French will be taught each week and our units for the Autumn term will include 'How To Present Myself' and 'The Family.'

Please continue to provide your child with fruit or vegetables for snack each day and they will also need a water bottle too please.

As always, if you ever have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me to arrange a mutual time to meet.

I look forward to a great year with you all.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Gallagher

