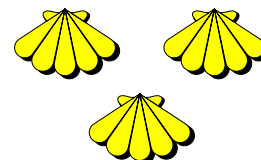


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## Summer Newsletter - 2017

Year 4 - Violet Class

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another exciting term. I hope you all had a lovely Easter break!

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

In English, we will be working to develop our skills in a range of writing genres including persuasive writing, film narrative (stories with a dilemma) and story settings. We will also continue Guided Reading sessions each week, where the children will continue to develop their reading and comprehension skills, particularly focusing on inference and prediction. Spelling and handwriting will also be taught on a regular basis. Spelling tests will continue to take place each Monday and Big writing will be completed at the end of each English unit.

In Maths, we will continue to look at decimals including how to calculate amounts of money. We will also learn how to read and write the time in both the 12 hour and 24 hour clock as well as calculating the duration of time. Later in the term, we will investigate the properties of triangles and quadrilaterals as well as learning how to translate a shape. Finally, we will learn how to read and write Roman numerals up to 100.

In Science, we will be focusing on electricity and how circuits and conductors work. Within our circuits and electricity unit, we will find out how to make successful circuits, create different switches and find how out to make bulbs brighter or dimmer. We will also be looking at safety aspects in relation to electricity and electrical devices.

In History, we will explore how and why childhood has changed, looking at evidence to come to a decision as to whether it is better to be a child now than in the past. We will develop a chronological understanding of childhood through the ages, including looking at leisure activities and education.

In P.E. we will be learning about how to play tag rugby and how to effectively work as a team. We will also be studying athletics. Towards the end of term we will be going to Stanborough Lakes.

In RE, the children will continue to learn about Hinduism, Sikhism and Christianity and how they are similar and different to each other. We will also look at sacred books within different faiths. As part of our ongoing study of other faiths we will be visiting a spectacular Hindu temple where the children will have the opportunity to dress in typical Hindu clothes and sample Hindu food.



In Music, Mrs White will still be taking the children for their strings lesson which they are thoroughly enjoying. The children will also participate in a concert later in the term. More details will be available nearer the time.

We will continue with our French lessons where we will practise the language as well as finding out about different aspects of French life and culture.

Thank you for your ongoing support with homework. Maths and English homework will still be given out on a Friday and needs to be returned on the following Wednesday. Please continue to read with your child at least 5 times a week as it really does make a difference to your child's development. I must stress also the need to practise times tables regularly. Times tables are absolutely crucial as a basis for so many other areas of maths especially if there will be a new requirement for these to be part of Year 6 SATs from 2019. Please refer to the list of online maths games I have previously given out (please let me know if you do not have a copy). These games are a fun way for the children to practise their times tables and many other areas of maths!

Please continue to provide your child with a water bottle, fruit or vegetables for snack each day. Please also provide a blue sun hat and apply sunscreen before school on hot days.

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 summer term with you all.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs Cox**

Violet Class Teacher

