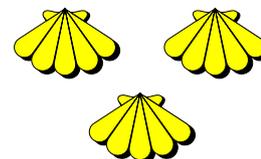


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## Spring 2018 Newsletter

Year 4 - Violet Class

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another exciting term. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas holiday!

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 story writing, using stories from other cultures as our stimulus. We will also be working on information writing and poetry.

Guided Reading sessions will continue each week, where the children will develop their reading and comprehension skills. I would also ask you to encourage your child to read at home on a regular basis in order to further develop their joy of reading and reading for fun. Please support our target of all children reading at home at least four times each week by signing their reading records.

In Maths we will revisit mental and written methods for solving addition and subtraction calculations. We will then be looking at describing and visualising 3D and 2D shapes. We will also look at properties of numbers and multiplication and division procedures. We will suggest suitable units and measuring equipment to estimate or measure length, mass or capacity. We will use all four operations to solve word problems involving money and measures and look at fractions and decimals too.

In History we will be finding out about the Vikings and how they influenced life in Britain. Our 'History Day' will give the children an insight into how the Vikings lived and over the course of the term we will look in detail at the many ways in which invaders and settlers have affected the way we live today.

Our Art and D.T. units will link with our Viking topic and we will draw on a range of Viking art styles to create our own Viking art. The children will continue to improve their mastery of art and design techniques including drawing, painting and sculpture using a range of materials.

In P.E. we will be developing our ball handling skills during games lessons. Please make sure that your child has the correct PE kit, royal blue T-shirt, navy shorts and plimsolls or trainers, all clearly labelled. You may wish to provide your child with jogging bottoms too as the weather is now getting very cold!



In Science, we will be working on the unit 'Animals Including Humans' where we will focus on the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system, different types of teeth and their functions and interpreting food chains. We will also look at 'Sound' including how sounds are made, how sound travels and find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations.

In RE the children will begin to learn about Sikhism and as Easter approaches we will be taking a look at the events of Holy Week and why these events are of particular significance for Christians.

ICT this term will look at the many ways in which we use electronic communication technologies to communicate, how we can use an online environment safely and appropriately and how we can use sound- editing software to capture, import and manipulate sounds.

Music lessons will continue this term with the children further developing their musical skills and appreciation for different genres of music. Mrs White will continue to take the children for their strings lesson which they are thoroughly enjoying.

French lessons will continue each week this term. We will be using many different activities, games, songs and drama to allow the children to learn simple phrases and vocabulary as well as investigating the French culture.

Thank you for your on-going support with homework. Maths, English and Spelling homework will still be given out on a Monday and needs to be returned on Friday please. If your child is finding the homework too difficult they are very welcome to speak with me and I will go through it with them. Please continue to read with your child as much as possible as it really does make a difference to their progress across all areas of the curriculum.

Please continue to provide your child with fruit or vegetables for snack each day.

As always, if you ever have anything that you would like to discuss please do not hesitate to contact me to arrange a mutual time to meet.

I wish you all a very happy and peaceful New Year and I look forward to another fantastic term with Violet class.

**Mr Gallagher**

