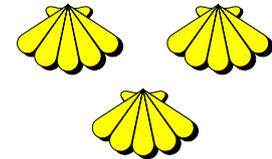


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Spring 2022 Newsletter

Year 4 - Violet Class

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and were able to enjoy some time together as a family.

In English this term, we will be reading, writing and performing free-verse poetry, exploring Non-Fiction Explanation texts and Instructions, writing and performing plays and studying Stories with a Theme. At the end of each of these units, the children will be completing their own Big Write to develop their independent writing and editing skills. Spelling, grammar and handwriting will continue to be taught each week, alongside regular guided reading sessions.

In Maths, the topics we are covering will include properties of shape and symmetry; exploring decimal numbers to two decimal places; calculating with decimals, problem solving and investigating money. We will also be looking at equivalent fractions and ordering and comparing fractions. We will also be learning the formal written methods for multiplication and division. In addition to these topics, we will continue to focus on the times tables to 12 x, with regular practise in class. Thank you so much for all of the support you have given the children at home, it really does help them if they can develop fluent recall of all of the multiplication and division facts for their tables.

In Science, we will be learning about Living Things and their Habitats during the first part of this term. The children will be learning how to classify living things and to use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things. They will also be finding out about the impact of change to habitats and exploring examples of human impact upon environments. Later on in the term, we will be learning about Electricity and Circuits. We will be constructing simple series electrical circuits and identifying and naming their basic parts. We will also be investigating common conductors and insulators and working scientifically to observe patterns.

In RE the children will be exploring Hinduism, and learning about Hindu beliefs and practices. Later in the term, they will also be exploring the Christian concept of Salvation, asking the question 'What is Good Friday?'



In Geography this term, the children will be exploring Rivers and the Water Cycle. We will be learning about the key landscape features of river and mountain environments, how to explain the water cycle using geographical language and further developing our map reading skills, so as to name and locate some of the UK's most significant rivers and mountains.

In the second half of the term, our History topic will be Roman Britain. The children will be investigating whether or not the Roman invasion was good or bad for Britain.

In DT, during the first part of this term, we will be designing and making masks using construction materials. The children will then be developing their sculpture and collage skills in our Art lessons.

The Computing units for this term are 'Spreadsheets' and 'Writing for Different Audiences'.

During their French lessons this term, the children will be learning phrases and vocabulary linked to the topics of 'Habitats' and 'At the Café'.

In Music, the children will be continuing with their lessons in string instruments, as well as learning about Rap, Soul and Gospel music, and preparing for the Easter Service.

Our PE sessions will again take place on **Tuesday** and **Friday** afternoons. Please ensure that the children have the correct, named, PE kit with them on these days and are prepared for outdoor activities in cold or wet weather. This term the children will be developing their skills in Basketball, Dance and Gaelic Football.

Homework - Please can I remind everyone that homework is set every Friday and should be handed in by the following **Wednesday at the latest**. Please can you also aim to read with your child/children at least 5 times a week, and sign their reading record to show when this has been done, thank you.

Please be advised that, in line with guidance, we are continuing to ensure that the classroom is well ventilated at all times and this can sometimes mean that the class is a little cooler than normal. We do have the heating on to try to counteract this but you may wish to provide your child/children with thermals, or additional layers, to wear under their uniform, on particularly cold days.

Please feel free to contact me via the office if you require any further information, or ever have any concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Todd
Violet Class Teacher

