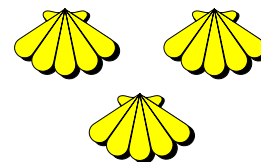


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Spring Newsletter

Year 4 - Violet Class

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a lovely Christmas holiday and a Happy New Year and your children ready to come back to school.

Reading is an important part of your child's learning. Please continue to read with your child at least 5 times each week - it really does make a difference! We will monitor the records every Friday. Please take the time to talk to your child about what they have read. During our CUSP lessons, we will be continuing our class book the 'Boy at the back of the Class', which will also be inspiring our English lessons. We will also be looking at the book; 'A Girl who Stole an Elephant'.

In **English** we will be working on developing our skills in both fiction and non-fiction writing, focusing on conveying emotions of characters rather than telling us how they feel. Looking especially at punctuation and spelling within this. We will also be looking at the uplevelling of vocabulary making more effective and precise points within non-fiction writing. The children will continue with Big Writing to further develop their independent writing and editing skills. **Spelling, grammar and handwriting** will also be taught on a regular basis.

In **Maths** we will be continuing your child's learning in multiplication and division, with three digit and four-digit numbers. We will also be developing understanding of length and perimeter and how to calculate these. We will be securing our understanding of fractions and decimals and how to two can be converted. We will be working throughout the year at the children's times tables skills, working towards our summer assessment in this.

In **Science** we will be learning about animals including humans, which includes looking at; teeth and eating, the digestive system and the food chain. In the second half of the Spring term, we will be learning about electricity, this will include different sources of electricity and the different components in an electrical circuit.

In **RE** the children will be looking at the Islamic religion and more specifically about the prophet Mohammed and in the second half-term we will be looking at Christianity and How does believing Jesus is their saviour inspire Christians to save and serve others?



In **Design and Technology** the children will be completing a project on mechanical systems which includes making a slingshot car. In **Art** we will be exploring drawing and the use of 'power prints' which looks at how different textures can affect drawing.

In **Computing**, the children will be exploring spreadsheets and how they can organise and use different fields to sort data. In the second half-term we will be looking at animation and how to create a small animation on Purple Mash.

In **History** the children will explore Britain's settlement by the Anglo-Saxons and the Scots. In **Geography** we will be looking at map skills and the Environmental systems of Europe, Russia, North and South America.

In **PE** the children will be developing their skills in Dance and Tag Rugby. Please make sure that your child has the correct PE kit, royal blue T-shirt, a navy blue PE jumper, navy shorts or skorts and plimsolls or trainers, all clearly labelled. You may also wish to provide your child with jogging bottoms too.

We will be learning **French** each week. Our topics this term are Goldilocks and looking at how to say different habitats in French.

In **Music** the children will learn to play a string instrument every week as well as exploring other musical instruments with our strings teacher and learning about Rap, Soul and Gospel music.

Homework will continue to be given out on a Friday to be returned on the following Wednesday please.

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

We look forward to the children having another great term.

Please continue to provide your child with fruit or vegetables for snack each day and they will also need a water bottle too. Water bottles should contain water only for throughout the day.

Yours sincerely

Mr Pickering

Violet Class teacher

