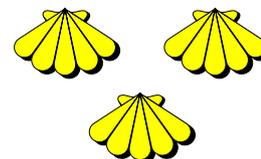


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Summer 2019 Newsletter

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 focusing on narrative stories with the theme of film. Later on in the term, we will be exploring non-fiction texts in particular; persuasion and information. The children will continue with Big Writing in order to further develop their independent writing skills and be working towards their pen licence. We will be continuing with learning a spelling rule each week rather than a set of words to learn. Please continue to practise the common exception words at home as this makes a huge difference to your child's learning!

In Maths we will be exploring time, with a focus on reading, writing and converting time on analogue and digital clocks. There will also be a big focus on geometry including; angles, properties of triangles, coordinates and plotting points of shapes. There is also a focus on multiplication and division facts therefore a sound knowledge of times tables, up to and including twelve times, is essential and any opportunity for your child to practise their times tables for quick recall in any order will be of considerable benefit to them across a range of maths topics.

We will be carrying out a Science unit focused around electricity. Within this unit, we will identify common appliances that run on electricity as well as constructing simple circuits. We will be working scientifically to identify basic parts of a circuit, observing patterns and connecting a circuit.

In RE the children will be looking at the Christian and Hindu communities. We will be exploring how holy books are regarded and handled in these communities as well as reading traditional tales. Later in the term, we will be visiting a Hindu temple.

In Art we will be continuing to focus on developing our mastery of drawing, creating sketch books to record observations and use them to review and revisit ideas. Later in the term, we will look at researching and developing designs to inform our design of an innovative and functional product as part of our DT unit, which will be linked with our Science learning.

We will use the ICT suite twice a week to continue developing our general computer skills. Our unit is all about developing communication in which we will review different electronic communication technologies used by



different audiences. As always we will be continuing with our E-safety by using online environments safely and collaboratively with others.

In History, we will be learning about the Vikings way of making money. This topic will allow the children to understand chronology and use a range of historical sources for discussion.

Our Geography unit will be focused on climates. We will be identifying the location of climate zones on globes and maps as well as describing biomes and vegetation belts. There will be a focus on using appropriate geographical vocabulary to describe weather, climate, biomes and vegetation.

In P.E. we will be focusing on athletics as well as hockey and cricket. Please make sure that your child has the correct PE kit, royal blue T-shirt, navy shorts/skorts and plimsolls or trainers, all clearly labelled. Our P.E days will be on a Monday and Thursday afternoon. Later in the term we will also be visiting Stanborough lakes.

In Music we will be exploring signals and the children will also be continuing with string instruments during our weekly music lessons. We will also have the pleasure of taking part in the summer production, more details to follow in due course.

French will be taught each week and the children will be exploring the topic of "at the café." We will be working towards ordering items in a café as well as using our knowledge of French numbers.

Homework will continue this term. It will be given out on a Monday and needs to be returned on Friday please. Please ensure children are reading five times per week as it really does make a difference to their development.

Please continue to provide your child with fresh fruit or vegetables for snack each day and they will also need a water bottle too please, especially as the weather grows warmer.

Attendance - It is essential that your child arrives at school in good time. Your child should be lined up at 8.50 when the school bell is rung. If they arrive after this time, they will need to go via the school office and will be marked as late. For a prompt start could all parents please leave the playground when the classes are lined up.

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

I look forward to an exciting summer term with you all!

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Green

