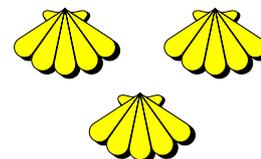


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## Autumn Newsletter Year 4 - Violet Class

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 4. I hope you have all had a wonderful summer break and are looking forward to the new academic year. My name is Mr Ralph and I'm very much looking forward to teaching your children this year. Mrs Elwood will also be working alongside me, to support your children's learning.

Outlined below are the main topics that we will be covering during this Autumn Term.

In English, we will be developing our Poetry skills by exploring the features of Non-Fiction Reports, while reading the Butterfly Lion and learning about Traditional Tales and Legends. At the end of each of these units, the children will be completing their own Big Write to encourage their independent writing and editing skills. Spelling, grammar and handwriting will also be taught each week and the children will continue to develop their reading and comprehension skills during regular guided reading sessions.

In Maths, we will be exploring Place Value, working to 1000 and beyond. Developing mental fluency and formal written methods for Addition and Subtraction. Solving word problems and calculations involving Measure, and the Conversion of units. Learning to record and interpret Data, and investigating and calculating Perimeter. We will also be securing Multiplication and Division facts, with a focus on times tables. The children should ideally already be secure in their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables and we will be moving onto our 6, 7 and 9 times tables this term. It will be extremely beneficial to their progress in Maths if you could support your children at home to practise and develop rapid recall in all of these tables. Thank you.

In Science, we will be learning about Sound during the first part of this term. The children will be carrying out investigations into how sounds are made and how they travel, as well as exploring the pitch and volume of sounds. Later on in the term, we will be learning about the functions and parts of the digestive system in humans and other animals. This will include learning about food chains and investigating different types of teeth and their functions.

In RE the children will be exploring the Christian concept of Creation, asking the question 'What do Christians learn from the creation story?' They will also be exploring the Christian concept of Incarnation, asking the question 'What is trinity?'



In Geography this term, the children will be going on 'A Great American Road Trip'. We will be exploring the North and South American continents, developing our compass and map reading skills and comparing the environments and settings of different cities and regions.

Our History topic this term will be Ancient Egypt. The children will explore who the Ancient Egyptians were, what they did, and discuss whether Ancient Egypt deserves its reputation as one of the most important early civilisations.

In DT, during the first part of this term, we will be designing and making our own musical instruments from junk modelling materials. The children will then be developing their drawing skills in Art. We will be exploring the work of Goya, Sargent and Holbein and creating our own pictures inspired by their works.

The Computing units for this term are Coding and Online Safety. The children will be learning some simple coding techniques and finding out about researching, downloading and using information safely, online.

During their French lessons this term, the children will be learning phrases and vocabulary linked to the topics of 'Presenting Myself' and 'Family'.

In Music, the children will be having lessons in string instruments, as well as learning about 70s pop and developing their skills on the Glockenspiel.

Our PE sessions will take place on **Monday & Tuesday**. The children will also be taking part in Cricket for the next 6 weeks every **Thursday**. Please ensure that the children have the correct PE kit with them on these days; a royal blue T-shirt, navy shorts or skorts and trainers, all clearly labelled. This term the children will be developing their skills in Netball, Gymnastics and Handball.

Homework will be set every Friday, to be handed in on the following **Wednesday** please. Tasks will be based on Times Tables fluency, our weekly spelling rule and the Y4 statutory spelling words and grammar rules. 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.

Children should all have a named water bottle with them each day please, and you might also like to provide them with a healthy fruit or vegetable snack for break time.

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

Yours sincerely,

Mr Ralph  
Violet Class Teacher

