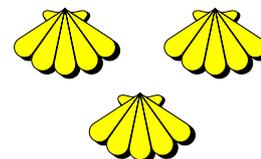


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## Spring Newsletter

Year 4 - Violet Class

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Year 4, I would like to wish you all a happy New Year and hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas. It's been a fantastic start for the children this academic year and they have all settled back in nicely. Outlined below are the main topics that we will be covering during this Spring Term.

In English, we will be developing our Poetry skills, exploring the features of Non-Fiction Reports and learning about living things, habitats and the water cycle. As well as this, the fiction book the children will be using and working on will be Holes. 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 looking to solve problems involving converting from hours to minutes; minutes to seconds; years to months and weeks to days, interpret and present discrete and continuous data using appropriate graphical methods, including bar charts and time graphs. We will also be looking at properties of shape, including symmetry. As well as this, we will be looking to calculate using decimals and with the use of money. The class will also look to identify fractions and equivalent fractions. The children should ideally already be secure in their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables and we will continue to focus on 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. A reminder that the children will be taking the National Multiplication Test in June. Thank you.

In Science, we will be learning about living things and their habitat during the first part of this term. The children will be carrying out investigations and identify how to group animals and insects using classification keys. Later on in the term, we will be learning about the states of matter, allowing the children to identify what solids, gases and liquids are and investigating how materials change their state differently.

In RE the children will be exploring both Christianity and Islam asking the questions 'Why do Christians call themselves the 'Body of Christ'?' and 'Why do Muslims call Muhammad the 'Seal of prophets'?'



In Geography this term, the children will be introduced to the water cycle, where they will identify the cycle, the mountains across the world and rivers that the children will be able to recognise such as the River Thames. This topic will provide excellent opportunities for fieldwork and school-based practical work.

Our History topic this term will be Roman Britain. The children will explore who the Roman Britain's were, what they did, and discuss whether the Roman invasion was good or bad for Britain.

In DT and Art, during the first part of this term, we will be designing and drawing powerprints in Art. This will involve 3D pencil drawings, drawing with scissors and wax resist. We will then be exploring in DT the mechanical systems, with aim of creating a slingshot car. Computing units for this term are Logos and animation. The children will be learning and creating both their own logos and animation throughout the term.

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

In Music, the children will be having lessons in string instruments, as well as learning about Rap, Soul and Gospel.

Our PE sessions will take place on **Mondays** as well as **Swimming on a Friday** this half term. 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. For Swimming, they will need the correct swimwear, goggles (if they normally wear them), swimming hat and a towel. This term the children will be developing their skills in dance and tag rugby.

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. Reading books and journals need to be in school everyday and their reading books will be changed on a **Thursday**.

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

