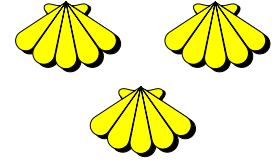


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Autumn Newsletter

Year 4 - Violet Class

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another exciting term. I hope you had a great summer holiday and are looking forward to the year ahead.

Here is a brief outline of the main topics we will be covering this term.

In Literacy we will be working to develop our skills in narrative writing, poetry and report writing. Guided Reading sessions are timetabled each week, where the children will continue to develop their reading and comprehension skills. Spelling and handwriting will also be taught on a regular basis. The children will further develop their independent writing skills through Big Writing.

In Numeracy we will be looking at addition and subtraction in many forms and be describing and visualising 3D and 2D shapes. We will suggest suitable units and measuring equipment to estimate or measure length, mass and capacity. We will develop strategies to count on and back in repeated steps of different numbers. We will use all four operations to solve word problems involving money and measures. We will also be looking at multiplication and division, fractions and decimals. A sound knowledge of times tables, up to and including times twelve, is essential and any opportunity for your child to practise their times tables will be of considerable benefit to them across a range of maths topics.

We will begin with the unit 'habitats' in Science. Within this unit, we will study animals and organisms that live in a variety of habitats and also their food chains. We will also look at the impact humans have on a variety of habitats. Within our overall topic, we will be looking at how to improve the environment around the school. We will also be looking at animals and humans with a particular emphasis on the digestive system, teeth and a variety of food chains.

In RE the children will begin to learn about Hinduism, Sikhism and Christianity and how they are similar and different to each other. In the lead up to Christmas we will look in detail at the events surrounding the birth of Christ and the significance of Advent as time of preparation.

In Art we will be concentrating on the 'Expressionist Movement' with a close look at the life and work of Russian artist Wasily Kandinsky.



We will use the ICT suite twice a week to continue developing our general computer skills. Our first unit will be to create a branching database, linked to our 'habitats' unit. We will then use a word processor to practise writing for different audiences.

In Geography we will begin to develop a greater knowledge of the countries of Europe (including Russia) using maps to focus on the key physical features and major cities.

Our History topic will look at the Anglo-Saxon settlements and the fall of the Roman Empire. Our class trip to Crossing Temple this term will help to bring this period of history to life for the children. More information later.

In P.E. we will be developing our skills within tag-rugby and gymnastics. Please make sure that your child has the correct PE kit, royal blue T-shirt, navy shorts or skorts and plimsolls or trainers, all clearly labelled. As the weather becomes colder, you may wish to provide your child with jogging bottoms too. We will also be swimming this term so please ensure your child has a hat and proper swimming attire. Hair should be tied back at all times. We can supply elastic bands if necessary. Earrings should be taken out or taped.

In music the children have the opportunity to learn a stringed instrument. The class will be split in half each week; one working with Mrs White on strings and the other with Mrs Hundley on singing and percussion. There will be an opportunity to see an open lesson later on in the term to see how they are progressing.

We will be learning French each week for half an hour using learning games, songs and drama to learn simple phrases and vocabulary as well investigating French culture.

Homework will continue this year. There will be homework, which will be given out on a Monday and needs to be returned on Friday please. Spellings will be given to the children each week and they will be tested on a Friday. Please continue to read with your child each night. It really does make a difference to your children's development. Projects will continue this year and they will be based on topics being studied at school. I will give more information on these nearer the time.

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 which should be taken home each night.

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

I look forward to a great term with you all.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Gee

