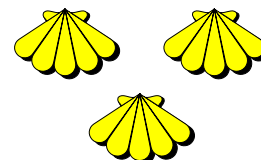


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Autumn Newsletter

Year 4 - Violet Class

Dear Parents,

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 English we will be working to develop our skills in narrative writing (Myths) and poetry. Guided Reading sessions will continue 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 continue with Big Writing in order to further develop their independent writing skills. We look forward to having an author share their book with us in October and doing some writing activities and to celebrate Roald Dahl Day and poetry week during the term.

In Maths, we will be looking at addition and subtraction in many forms as well as place value. We will develop strategies to count on and back in repeated steps of different numbers. 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 continue to use Singapore maths workbooks to develop maths concepts and 'Maths of the Day' to encourage active maths.

We will begin with the unit 'Living things and their 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 DT, we will be studying cooking and nutrition where the children will learn about healthy eating and where a variety of ingredients are grown. Children will get the chance to grow their own herbs as well preparing and cooking savoury dishes using a range of cooking techniques. We will have a fruit workshop organised by Herts Catering and cooking session organised by Warburtons.

We will use the computer suite twice a week to continue developing our general computer skills as well as an 'enrichment' project. Children will get the opportunity to develop their programming skills by using 'Scratch' to create their own maths quiz.

In Geography we will begin to develop a greater knowledge of the countries of Europe 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 Cressing Temple on 14th October will help to bring this period of history to life for the children.

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

In P.E. we will be developing our skills within golf 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 after half term- details to follow. We will also be having a visit from a GB athlete and have a chance to do a sponsored activity.

Homework will continue this year. There will be homework, which will be given out on a **Friday** and needs to be returned the **following Wednesday** please. Spellings will be given to the children each week and they will be tested on Monday/Tuesdays. Those children not achieving at least 8/10 each week will join the spelling club that week to secure their learning so please help your child learn them at home. Please continue to read with your child **at least 5 times each week**. It really does make a difference to your child'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 named water bottle too please.

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,

Mrs Cox.
Class Teacher

