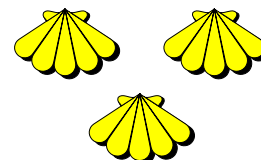


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## Spring Newsletter

Year 4 - Violet Class

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas holiday! I look forward to an exciting Spring term!

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

In Literacy, we will be learning all about how to write a playscript. We will be studying various texts and the children will also get the chance to perform a playscript. Guided Reading sessions will continue each week, where the children will develop their reading and comprehension skills. Our reading week runs Friday to Thursday. Please note that books will be changed on Tuesdays and Fridays. If your child has finished their reading book, then they may read an age appropriate book from home, their library book, or go onto 'Bug Club'. I would also ask you to encourage your child to read at home on a regular basis in order to further develop their joy of reading and reading for fun. Please support our target of all children reading at home at least four times each week by signing and dating their reading records.

In Numeracy, we will revisit mental and written methods for solving addition and subtraction calculations. We will also suggest suitable units and measuring equipment to estimate or measure length, mass or capacity. We will then be looking at describing and visualising 3D and 2D shapes. We will also look at properties of numbers and multiplication and division procedures. We will use all four operations to solve word problems involving money and measures.

In History, we will continue to find out about the Anglo-Saxons and how they influenced life in Britain. Our 'History Day' on February 2<sup>nd</sup> will give the children an insight into how the Anglo-Saxons lived and over the course of the term we will look in detail at the many ways in which invaders and settlers have affected the way we live today.

In our Art, the children will learn about some of the customs and celebrations that take part during Chinese New Year. They will learn to quill, the art of rolling narrow strips of paper into coils or scrolls to create a collage inspired by the traditional Dragon Dance.



During P.E. lessons, the children will be able to practise their ball handling skills through multi-skill activities and the children will also play netball in their games session. Please make sure that your child has the correct PE kit, royal blue T-shirt, navy shorts and plimsolls or trainers, all clearly labelled. You may wish to provide your child with jogging bottoms too as the weather is now getting very cold!

In Science, we will be working on the unit 'Changing Materials.' In this unit the children will investigate similarities and differences between solids, liquids and gases. We will also find out about different materials, which melt and freeze.

In RE the children will begin to learn about Sikhism and as Easter approaches we will be taking a look at the events of Holy Week and why these events are of particular significance for Christians.

In Computing this term, the children will practise their programming skills. They will use the programming software 'Scratch' to debug a program and create their own quiz.

Music lessons will continue this term with the children further developing their musical skills and appreciation for different genres of music. Mrs White will continue to take the children for their strings lesson which they are thoroughly enjoying.

French lessons will continue each week this term. We will be using many different activities, games, songs and drama to allow the children to learn simple phrases and vocabulary as well as investigating the French culture.

Numeracy, Literacy and spelling homework will still be given out on a Monday and needs to be returned on Friday please. If your child is finding the homework too difficult they are very welcome to speak with me and I will go through it with them. Please continue to read with your child as much as possible as it really does make a difference to their progress across all areas of the curriculum.

Spellings will now take place on Monday for all children.

Please continue to provide your child with fruit or vegetables for snack each day.

If you ever have anything that you would like to discuss please do not hesitate to contact me to arrange a mutual time to meet.

I wish you all a very happy and peaceful New Year and I look forward to a fantastic term with Violet class.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs Cox**  
Class teacher

