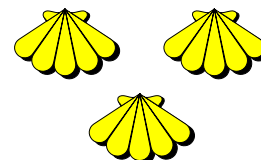


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## Spring Newsletter

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 English, 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. We will also learn how to write a discussion text. Spelling and handwriting will continue to be taught on a regular basis. The children will continue with Big Writing in order to further develop their independent writing and redrafting skills.

Guided Reading sessions will continue each week, where the children will develop their reading and comprehension skills. Our reading week runs Friday to Friday. 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 five times** each week by signing and dating their reading records.

In maths, we will continue to focus on multiplication and division to explore different written methods when working with larger numbers. We will move on to study graphs. Children will learn how to interpret picture graphs and bar graphs. Finally, we will begin to learn all about fractions. We will learn about mixed number fractions and improper fractions. We will then learn how to convert between mixed numbers and improper fractions.

In History, we will find out about the Vikings and how they influenced life in Britain. Our 'History Day' will give the children an insight into how the Vikings 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 Art, children will be practising their weaving skills by making *God's eyes*. They will then practise their sketching and painting skills by studying the patterns in 'The Willow Plate'.



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/skorts 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 explore the difference between 'data' and 'information'. They will look at how dataloggers are used to gather information and they will then use a datalogger to record changes in environmental conditions.

In History the children will be studying the Vikings and we have a really exciting history day planned for before half term.

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.

English and Maths homework will still be given out on **Friday** and needs to be returned on the following **Wednesday** 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. I must stress also the need to practise times tables regularly. Times tables are absolutely crucial as a basis for so many other areas of maths. Please note that fluency and speed of recall of timetables supports the children in arriving at answers during assessments so the quicker they learn them the better.

The children are currently working very hard on their spelling which is fantastic to see. Spelling tests will continue to take place on Monday for all children.

I would also be grateful if you could 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 as before school is not always convenient.

I wish you all a very happy and peaceful New Year and I look forward to a fantastic term with Violet class. Please aim to be on the playground for just after 8.40am so we are ready to line up when the bell goes at 8.50am to make a good start to the day.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Cox  
Class teacher

