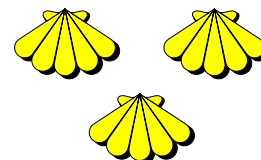


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Summer Newsletter

Year 4 - Violet Class

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another exciting term. I hope you all had a lovely Easter break!

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 a range of writing genres including persuasive writing, film narrative (stories with a dilemma) and information texts. We will also continue Guided Reading sessions each week, where the children will continue to develop their reading and comprehension skills, particularly focusing on inference and prediction. Spelling and handwriting will also be taught on a regular basis. Spelling tests will continue to take place each Monday and Big writing will continue on Fridays.

In Maths, we will continue to look at properties of numbers and multiplication and division procedures. We will also revisit fractions and decimals to understand how to calculate a fraction of an amount and to recognise equivalent fractions. We will also suggest suitable units and measuring equipment to estimate or measure mass or capacity. We will then be looking at comparing and classifying geometric shapes, including quadrilaterals. We will continually use all four operations to solve word problems involving money and measures.

In Science, we will be focusing on electricity and how circuits and conductors work. Within our circuits and electricity unit, we will find out how to make successful circuits, create different switches and find how out to make bulbs brighter or dimmer. We will also be looking at safety aspects in relation to electricity and electrical devices.

Our D.T. unit links well with our Science theme as we are going to be making vehicles from different materials. We will also try to put circuits and motors into our vehicles so that they can move with a basic remote control switch.

In P.E. we will be learning about how to play tag rugby and how to effectively work as a team. We will also be studying different forms of dance and their origins.

In RE, the children will continue to learn about Hinduism, Sikhism and Christianity and how they are similar and different to each other. We will also look at sacred books within different faiths. As part of our ongoing



study of other faiths we will be visiting a spectacular Hindu temple where the children will have the opportunity to dress in typical Hindu clothes and sample Hindu food.

Music will continue to be taken by Mrs Hundley, where the children will develop their musical skills and appreciation for different genres of music. Mrs White will still be taking the children for their strings lesson which they are thoroughly enjoying. The children will also participate in a concert later in the term. More details will be available nearer the time.

We will continue with our French lessons where we will practise the language as well as finding out about different aspects of French life and culture.

Thank you for your ongoing support with homework. Maths and English homework will still be given out on a Friday and needs to be returned on the following Wednesday. Please continue to read with your child at least 4 times a week as it really does make a difference to your child's development. 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 the children will now be tested on their knowledge of their times tables as part of the SATs in Year 6. Please refer to the list of online maths games I have previously given out (please let me know if you do not have a copy). These games are a fun way for the children to practise their times tables and many other areas of maths!

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

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

I look forward to another great term with you all.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Cox

Violet Class Teacher

