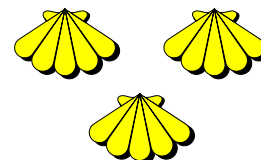


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Autumn 2020 Newsletter

Year 4 - Violet Class

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another exciting school year. I hope you had a great summer holiday and are looking forward to the year ahead. I am looking forward to working together with you to ensure your child enjoys their learning time in Violet Class.

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 and non-fiction writing, with a focus this term on report writing. We will also be exploring free verse poetry with a focus on vocabulary. Later in the term, we will be reading traditional tales and developing our narrative writing skills through this. The children will continue with 'Big Writing' to develop their independent writing skills and will be working hard towards their pen licence. There will be weekly handwriting and spelling and the children will continue to have spelling tests based on the spelling pattern we are learning.

Following the guidance given to schools, we are making a few changes to the way we manage home reading this term. Books will be sent home on a Monday and need to be returned to school on Thursday to ensure they are safe to reallocate to other children. All children have access to books online through the Bug Club reading App so please make use of this over the weekends. Log on details can be obtained from your child's class teacher if necessary. Reading is an essential tool for learning and we strongly promote reading every day for around 10 minutes. Please ensure that your child reads every day and that **you record** this in their reading record - whether it is a physical book or one from their bug club selection. At the moment it is not possible for staff to comment personally in reading records, but please be assured that they are checked weekly and children are spoken to about their progress.

In Maths, we will be looking at place value to order and compare numbers beyond 1000 and develop skills of rounding and estimation. We will also be looking at securing addition and subtraction fluency as well as using formal written methods. We will use all four operations to solve problems including measures and perimeter. We will have a focus on time and time intervals this year. There is also a focus on multiplication and division facts therefore 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.



In Science, we will begin with the unit of sound. Within this unit, we will learn about how vibrations cause sounds and how they travel. We will also explore how sounds can change pitch and volume. The children will learn how sounds are made, carrying out a school sound survey. We will work scientifically and collaboratively to investigate the best material for soundproofing.

We will also link our Design and Technology (DT) to this subject and the children will be designing and creating their own musical instrument.

In RE the children will begin to learn about Christianity and creation and digging deeper to answer 'What is 'The Trinity'?

In Art we will be studying an artist- John Sargent and creating our own pieces of art based on his work using a variety of media.

In Computing, our unit is called 'Keeping Informed' and we will be looking at the difference between data and information. We will use sensors, data-loggers and other tools as part of our investigations.

In Geography we will begin to develop a greater knowledge of America and will be focusing on improving our knowledge about the differences between continent, country and city. We will also focus on Route 66 and 8 compass points.

Our History topic will look at the Ancient Egyptians. We will explore who the Ancient Egyptians were, what they did and discuss whether Ancient Egypt deserves its reputation as one of the most important early civilisations.

In P.E. we will be doing outdoor games which will be on **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**. Please ensure that your child has a royal blue T-shirt, navy shorts and trainers, all clearly labelled. Please also ensure that your child has a **blue tracksuit** as the children will have most of their lessons outside even if it is slightly wet and cold. Please remove earrings.

In Music we will be exploring rhythmic patterns whilst also exploring songs and music. The children will also be exploring string instruments during our weekly music lessons.

French will be taught each week and our units for the autumn term will include 'How to Present Myself' and 'The Family.'

Homework will be sent home on Fridays and due back the following Wednesday. The focus for homework will be a times tables task, a spelling rule task/grammar and reading. The children may have additional homework to support their learning. This will be done through J2E and **NOT** in homework books currently.

Please continue to provide your child with fruit or vegetables for snack each day and they will also need a filled water bottle too with a lift up lid; there will be no water fountain for your child to get a drink from at this time.

As always, if you ever have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me via the office to arrange a mutual time to talk over the phone.

I look forward to a great year with you all.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Moulsher
Violet Class teacher

