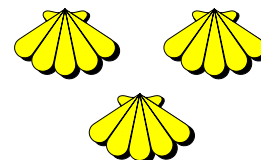


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Autumn Newsletter

Year 4 - Violet Class

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you had a lovely Summer holiday and are ready for another fantastic year at High Wych in Year 4! I am looking forward to working with your children this year. Mrs Elwood will also be in class to help out. We have some great topics this term, here is a brief outline.

Reading is an important part of your child's learning. Please continue to read with your child at least 5 times each week - it really does make a difference! We will monitor the records every Friday. Please take the time to talk to your child about what they have read. During our CUSP lessons, we will be starting *The Queens Nose* by Dick King Smith. Later in the term, we will be reading *The Boy at the Back of the Class* and using the text to further inspire and develop the children's writing.

In **English**, we will be working to develop our skills in fiction writing, focusing on developing narrative, character and using dialogue. For our non-fiction topics, we will be analysing a range of reports and discussion texts and will be using these to help write our own. The children will continue with Big Writing in order to further develop their independent writing and editing skills. **Spelling, grammar** and **handwriting** will also be taught on a regular basis.

In **Maths** we will be learning how to break numbers down into their place values and learning the importance of the place holder 0. We will also be exploring addition and subtraction within 1000. We will be securing our understanding of formal written methods for multiplication and division and applying these to increasingly challenging problems. We will be working throughout the year at the children's times tables skills, working towards our summer assessment in this.

In **Science** we will be learning about living things and their habitats; this will be looking at the differences between the different classifications of animal species. In the second half of the Autumn term, we will be learning about states of matter, this will include how do we tell the difference between solid, liquid and gas.

In **RE** the children will be looking at Why do Christians called themselves the 'Body of Christ?' and Why do Christians believe they are on a mission?

In **Design and Technology** the children will be completing a project involving textiles and the use of fastenings whilst also looking at structures. In **Art** we will be exploring painting and mixed media using the contrast of light and dark.



In **Computing**, the children will be exploring online safety and how to stay safe online and some of the risks of being online. Coding which will develop on their skills they have from last year and finally spreadsheet and how we can quickly organise and arrange data.

In **History** the children will explore the Romans and their impact on Britain through its technological advances and military might. This unit spans over both halves of the term due to the wide nature of the material and the depth of learning.

In **PE** the children will be developing their skills in cricket and golf. Please make sure that your child has the correct PE kit, royal blue T-shirt, a navy blue PE jumper, navy shorts or skorts and plimsolls or trainers, all clearly labelled. You may also wish to provide your child with jogging bottoms too.

We will be learning **French** each week. Our first topic is about phonics and how to present yourself when being spoken to by another.

In **Music** the children will learn to play a string instrument every week as well as exploring other musical instruments with Mrs Earl.

Homework will continue to be given out on a Friday to be returned on the following Wednesday please. Please continue to provide your child with fruit or vegetables for snack each day and they will also need a water bottle too.

As always, if you ever have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact us to arrange a mutual time to discuss.

Just a reminder that we have a meet the teacher meeting on Tuesday 12th September at 2.45 should you have any questions.

We look forward to the children having another great term.

Yours sincerely

Mr Pickering
Class teacher

