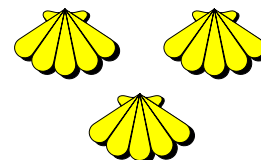


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Summer 2021 Newsletter

Year 4 - Violet Class

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another exciting term. This time we hope we will be in school for the rest of the academic year. Firstly, I wish to thank you for all your support with Remote Learning - this could not have been achieved without your support - so a big 'thank-you'. I hope you all had a restful Easter Break!

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

In English, we will be focusing on explanation texts stories with focus on two texts - Until I met Dudley by Roger McGough and Charlie Small Gorilla City by Nick Ward. Later on in the term, we will be exploring non-fiction texts in particular, persuasion and information. The children will continue with Big Writing in order to further develop their independent writing skills which will be a main focus to get the children back on track. We will be continuing with learning a spelling rule each week rather than a set of words to learn. Please continue to practise the common exception words at home as this makes a huge difference to your child's learning! In addition, please continue to practise handwriting this term (in school and at home) working towards a pen licence.

In Maths, we will be exploring fractions and time, with a focus on revision of basic arithmetic. There will also be a big focus on geometry including; angles, properties of triangles, coordinates and plotting points of shapes. We will focus on multiplication and division facts, therefore a sound knowledge of times tables, up to and including twelve times, is essential and any opportunity for your child to practise their times tables for quick recall, will be of considerable benefit to them across a range of maths topics.

We will be carrying out a Science unit focused around Solids, Liquids and Gases. We will look at some exciting experiments, such as 'dancing raisins'!

In RE the children will be looking at the Christian and Hindu communities. We will be exploring how Holy Books are regarded and handled in these communities as well as reading traditional tales.

Later in the term in Art, we will focus on painting using the artistic designs of Orla Kiely.

In Design and Technology, we will be designing masks based around a theme using mod-rock. We will design and then make them over two days - so aprons at the ready!



In Computing, we will be following a unit on Logo, we will learn common commands and constructs of the Logo programming language and we will be developing the ability to compose algorithms for drawing mathematical structures and turn these into Logo code.

In History, we will be learning about The Romans. This topic will allow the children to understand chronology and use a range of historical sources for discussion.

Our Geography unit will be focused on Earthquakes and Volcanoes. How does the Earth shake, rattle and roll?

In P.E. we will be focusing on Gaelic Football and Cricket. Please make sure that your child has the correct PE kit, royal blue T-shirt, navy shorts/skorts and trainers, all clearly labelled. Our P.E days will be on a Monday and Wednesday for 6 weeks and then Tuesday and Wednesday; please ensure they have a water bottle as the weather improves. We also hope that we can enjoy our PE trip in the summer term.

In Music we will be exploring music from The Beatles and the children will also be continuing with string instruments during our weekly music lessons.

French will be taught each week and the children will be exploring the topic of "at school." We will also be extending our knowledge of French numbers.

Homework will continue this term. It will be given out on a Friday and needs to be returned on Wednesday please. Please ensure children are reading five times per week as it really does make a difference to their development.

Attendance - In this summer term we aim to 'catch up' on learning lost during lockdown, therefore it is important that your child has good attendance so that we do not have more missed learning. Your child will be in upper Key Stage 2 in September, so we need to get them on track in readiness - your co-operation is a key part in all of this. Having said this, there will be lots of practical learning and fun activities that we need to complete too!

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

I look forward to an exciting Summer Term (in school) with you all!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Moulsher
Class Teacher

