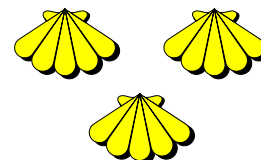


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## Spring 2020 Newsletter

Year 4 - Violet Class

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to another exciting term. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas holiday!

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 writing with a focus on stories from other cultures. As well as poetry and Non-Fiction texts we will also be looking in depth at one selected book - The Water Cycle. The children will continue with Big Writing in order to further develop their independent writing skills and be working towards their pen licence. 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 Maths we will be exploring the properties of shapes and focusing on symmetry. We will also be exploring decimal numbers and working on securing fluency of calculating with decimals. There will also be a focus on fractions and exploring finding fractions of quantities, fractions of measures and begin to add and subtract fractions with the same denominator. There is also a 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 in any order will be of considerable benefit to them across a range of maths topics.

We will be carrying out a Science unit focused around "Living things and their habitats." We will recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways. As well as exploring and using keys to identify and name a variety of living things. We will look at how changes to a habitat can pose danger to living things. Later in the term we will be learning about electricity, in particular circuits. We also will be taking part in Science week during March.

In RE the children will be revisiting Hinduism and sources of wisdom. We will be looking at important books, symbols and worship. Children will explore the importance and purpose of a shrine. In the lead up to Easter we will be looking at Holy communion and Easter foods as well as discussing the big question of "How did Jesus share his last supper?"



In Art we will be focusing on developing our mastery of drawing and painting with a focus on Andy Warhol. Using sketch books to record observations and use them review and revisit ideas. Later in the term, we will look at researching and developing designs to inform our design of an innovative and functional product as part of our DT unit.

We will use the ICT suite twice a week to continue developing our general computer skills. Our unit is all about "keeping informed." During this unit we will focus on identifying the difference between data and information and we will research and enter data into a database.

In History, the children will learn about the Roman invasion of Britain and its impact on the lives of the Celts. They will consider whether the Roman settlement was a positive experience for all involved, and explore the long-term legacy of the invasion. They will use a variety of sources of evidence to investigate the topic, including visual sources of artefacts and archaeological sites. To build on and further our knowledge of the Ancient Egyptians we are excited to be having an Ancient Egyptian History off the Page Day early in the half term. This will immerse the children in the Ancient Egyptian civilisation and there is the opportunity to explore artefacts, take part in role play and be an Ancient Egyptian for the day.

Our Geography topic focuses on rivers and the water cycle. We will explore how people interact with rivers as well as their geographical features to extend children's geographical general or locational knowledge. The children will name and locate some of the UK's and the world's most significant rivers and mountain environments.

In P.E. we will be continuing our dance skills as well as developing our skills in gymnastics. 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. Our P.E days will be on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon.

In Music we will be exploring melodies and scales. Throughout the term we will link our music lessons to festivals such as Easter and Chinese New Year. The children will also be continuing with string instruments during our weekly music lessons.

French will be taught each week and our topics will include "habitats" and "at the café." We are hoping to have an open morning where we will transform our classroom into that of a French café, more information in due course.

Homework will continue this term. It will be given out on a Friday and needs to be returned on Wednesday please. This consists of a times tables task **and** spelling rule homework, both parts must be completed. Please continue to read with your child each night. It really does make a difference to their development.

Please continue to provide your child with fresh fruit or vegetables for snack each day and they will also need a water bottle too please.

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 a good term with you all.

Yours Sincerely,

**Miss Green**  
Class Teacher

