



Violet Class

Autumn Term Newsletter



Maths

Over this term we will be looking at the 4 operations, adding, subtracting, multiplication and division, alongside completing work on number and place value. We will also be working on shapes and fractions.

Every two weeks we will be completing a Star Thinker that is based on the work but encourages the pupils to solve reasoning questions. We will also be using the new maths scheme - Busy Ants, again encouraging the pupils to solve reasoning type problems and to work independently. Homework will be set using different games and activities from this new scheme, sometimes on the computer and sometimes on sheets.

Every week we work on our times tables by completing the 22, 33, 44 clubs, we only have 3 and a half minutes to complete them, so keep practising!

English



Our narrative for this term will be 'Off Thee I Sing' by Barack Obama, the former US president. Throughout this text, we will be looking at creating a magazine article and remembering that there are many different religions, cultures and ethnicities for us to embrace and learn about in society.

Guided Reading

We will be encouraging children to develop a love of reading through the use of class texts as well as group texts. This term we will use Holes by Louis Sachar.

We will also be focusing on our great online resource, Lexia. A reminder of passwords and log in details will follow shortly.

Spelling and Grammar

We are following the whole school spelling programme - No Nonsense Spelling, every day we work on a different spelling rule and explanation. Spellings will be set on a Friday starting next week and tested the following Friday.

Science

This topic teaches the children to recognise that organisms can be classified in a variety of ways. They explore and use keys to identify and name a variety of living things.



Design and Technology

In our Design and Technology lessons, Violet class will explore structures and electrical systems. They will learn about controlling movement with a cam mechanism as part of an automata animal and will make a simple cam mechanism to formulate an understanding of how different shaped cams can be used to produce different movements.



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Computing

This term we will be focusing on E-Safety, reminding ourselves how to stay safe when using the internet and other means of technology. We will learn which information about ourselves should be kept private and what to do in circumstances where we may feel unsafe.

RE and PSHE

In R.E., Violet class will be focusing on the question: What does it mean if God is holy and loving? We will have many discussions around this topic and will have opportunities to reflect. Whilst in PSHE, we will be writing our 'Class Charter' and reminding ourselves of what it means to 'Go for Gold with God.'

Music



Music will be taught every Wednesday by Mrs Whitely focusing on timing, clapping and rhythm.

PE



This term we are focusing on invasion games, being taught by Mr Day and Mrs Bould. WE will focus on how to perform skills with accuracy, confidence and control. Also, we will understand the difference between attacking skills and defending skills.

History

During our History lessons this term, the children will be learning about different journeys and why people go on a journey. In this unit, the children will explore the question of why people go on a journey, and look at five very different types of journey in depth. The journeys selected span from the Tudor period to those undertaken today by refugees.

Foreign Languages

We are very lucky to be having Spanish lessons delivered by Mr Day this year. We will start off by learning how to say our name in Spanish and will move onto counting to ten and learning some vocabulary linking to Christmas.



Useful Information

Our PE days are **Wednesday and Thursday**. Please come to school in your PE kit. Homework is set on a Friday. Each week a piece of Maths, English and Spellings are set. Due to current circumstances, our class homework will be focusing on Lexia, Times Tables (22-99 club) and reading our school reading book. This will be sent out from next Friday 19th September. We still have the expectation of 5 signatures a week in reading diaries please. We have missed you and we are so glad to welcome you all back to school. Any questions or queries please do not hesitate to ask.
Mrs Bould.