

Violet's Curriculum Newsletter

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R.E.

In R.E. this half-term, we will be digging deeper into the big question, "Science and Creation, conflicting or complementary?" Pupils will be considering differences and similarities that Christians and Scientists may have when it comes to this thought-provoking topic. They will specifically be exploring on how the two opinions support each other.



Maths

During Maths this half-term, Year 6 will be looking at a wide range of mathematic strands including: place value, addition and subtraction, decimals, 2D and 3D shapes and multiplication and division. We will be consolidating our learning through arithmetic practice and reasoning and problem-solving questions.



English and Reading.

The book we will be focusing on this half term is 'King Kong' by Anthony Browne, which we will use to write an action-packed story ending! In addition to this, all children will read and explore a range of texts through guided reading sessions and 'Cracking Comprehension', where they will also develop their comprehension skills. This half-term, our guided reading text is "Holes" written by Louis Sachar.

<u>Spellings</u>

Spelling lessons will be taught each week and there will be a spelling test completed with the children. Each term a spelling overview will be sent home and spelling tests will be every Friday.



Science

Science this term will have wonderful links to our R.E topic, as we explore Evolution and Inheritance. We will look at the differences between the two and explore some key scientists, including Charles Darwin.



Computing

As part of our Computing topic this half-term, we will be taking an in depth look at a variety of online safety issues, and how we can stay safe online. Following this, we will then take part in the new topic "We are connected", to explore and develop skills for social media (age-appropriate).



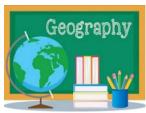
<u>Spanish</u>

In Violet class, the wonderful Mr Day will be teaching us Spanish. This half-term our topic is called "Mi Casa", which means 'my house'.



Music

We are very lucky to have Music lessons taught by Mrs Whitely fortnightly, on a Wednesday.



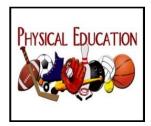
Geography

During this unit, we will be considering "What are the differences and similarities between our country and the Western United States?" We will explore regions and states, economic activity and biomes.



PSHE/RSE

"Rights and Respect", will be our focus in PSHE. We will consider the importance of feeling valued, how things can be perceived through social media, democracy and the terms "biased" and "unbiased".



PE

Every Monday afternoon, we will be taking part in swimming lessons at Cheadle Leisure Centre. Violet class will have a P.E. lesson on a Wednesday morning, taken by a specialist teacher from ASM.

General information

<u>PE days</u>: Monday and Wednesday, please come in full School PE kit. Please remove all jewellery and earrings. Violet class will need to bring their swimming kit every Monday, and a snack for afterwards.

<u>Homework:</u> A piece of English and Maths will be set each week on a Friday; this may be set using Education City. Homework needs to be completed and handed in by the following Wednesday.

<u>Home reading</u>: Reading diaries should be brought into school every day. Each week, there is the expectation of 5 signatures from a parent/carer to evidence the child is reading at home. It is important that children are reading regularly; it makes a huge difference to their confidence, fluency and comprehension.

A small amount of play time (5 minutes per signature for KS2) will be missed if children have not read at home.

If you have any questions, please come and chat to me or email me at mfinney@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk

Many thanks for all your help and support for the upcoming term.