

Violet's Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 2 2023





R.E.

In R.E. this half-term, Violet Class will be exploring the question, 'Was Jesus the Messiah?' The pupils will be able to explain the place of Incarnation and Messiah within the 'big story' of the Bible. We will also be considering how far the idea that Jesus is the Messiah- a Saviour from God- is important in the world today and what difference that might make in people's lives.



<u>Maths</u>

During our Maths lessons this half term, we will be learning all about multiplying and dividing decimals, measuring mass and length, and finding equivalences between simple fractions, percentages and decimals. 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 'The Place for Me: Stories about The Windrush Generation' by K.N. Chimbiri, which we will use to write an information leaflet! 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 "Odd and the Frost Giants", written by Neil Gaiman.

Spellings

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

During our science lessons this half term, the children will learn about forces and machines. They will start with the force of gravity, then study friction forces including air and water resistance, before investigating how simple machines work.



Computing

As part of our Computing topic this half-term, we will be coding and improving our knowledge on more complex variables.



Spanish

In Violet class, the wonderful Mr Day will be teaching us Spanish. During Spanish lessons over this half term Violet class will be learning the names of different family members as part of our unit on family.



Music

We are very lucky to have Music lessons taught by Mrs Whitely on Wednesdays.



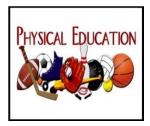
History

During this unit, we will be exploring World War Two. The children will consider how WWII started, rationing, evacuation and how this impacted us locally. Violet Class and Indigo Class will also be taking part on a historical educational trip to Tatton Park.



PSHE/RSE

In PSHE lessons, the pupils will consider how it is ok to be different, the importance of respecting differences and tolerating others. We will also be challenging gender stereotypes.



<u>PE</u>

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.