

Violet Class Newsletter



Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Thank you for a brilliant start to the autumn term.

Our topic this half-term is 'Survival', which has a scientific focus of evolution and inheritance. The children will look at inherited traits, variation between siblings and adaptation of different species for survival through time. A survival day in our wildlife area has been organised for later in the half-term, where children will have the opportunity to make axes, fires and rope, while learning about history through the ages.

In English, we will be having a look at 'The Elsewhere Emporium' - the sequel to The Nowhere Emporium, which was studied last year. From this, we will develop our descriptive writing and learn how to apply grammar features along the way.

In maths, we will focus on the place value of seven digit numbers, study the rules that determine how a calculation is worked out and apply our knowledge to worded problems. Towards the end of the half-term, we will move to look at fractions, including how to multiply and divide them.

In geography, our focus is 'Earthquakes and Tsunamis', beginning with the study of the countries of the famous 'Ring of Fire', an area known for its high volume of earthquakes, volcanoes and tsunamis. We will also look at what causes these natural disasters and investigate how countries use preventative methods as well as deal with the aftermath.

Our weekly P.E. lesson will be on a Thursday afternoon, where children will need to come to school wearing suitable PE kit. As the weather gets colder, jumpers and jogging bottoms will be needed as our lessons will be outside.

Homework will be given out to the children each Monday and it will be their responsibility to return their completed pieces to school by the following Friday. This gives them the full week to ask if there is anything they are unsure of, so we encourage it to be looked at and completed as soon as possible in case there is any difficulty.

As always, reading at home is vital and the children of Violet Class are responsible for ensuring they are reading daily, completing their reading record accordingly and making sure their book is in school each day to win rewards.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Chisnall and Mrs Noakes

KEY VOCABULARY: evolution, adaptation, inheritance, variation, trait, DNA, characteristic, tsunami, earthquake, Richter scale, epicentre, devastation, tectonic plate