

Violet Class Newsletter



Our topic this half term is Evacuees

English

In class we will... be reading, planning and writing stories set in World War II. The children will use drama to help get into role, before writing diary entries and letters as evacuees, describing feelings and actions. We will produce persuasive adverts, focusing on propaganda and rationing during WWII. The main texts we will read this term are *The Lion and the Unicorn* by Shirley Hughes and *Otto* by Tomi Ungerer. Our class reader will be *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*.

At home you can... read a story or non-fiction book about World War II, discussing what life would have been like for evacuees. Use the internet to read old letters or look at 'Dig for Victory' posters together, discussing how life has changed since the 1940s.

Maths

In class we will... be practising our recall of all multiplication tables up to 12. We will consolidate our understanding of division using the formal method (bus stop method) of short and long division. We will also continue to learn about fractions. We shall investigate mixed numbers and improper fractions; simplifying and finding equivalent fractions. Children will also be learning about percentage, ratio and proportion.

At home you can... practise mental maths with quick fire questions. Practise multiplication and division facts everyday. Visit the *Mathletics* website regularly. Practise solving problems accurately. Practise using and converting measurements and reading scales.

Science

In class we will... be learning about Light. Children will plan and carry out experiments such as finding out what happens to light on different surfaces, and how light travels. Children will also be finding out how we see and where light comes from -manmade and natural sources.

At home you can... go to the library and find books about the different senses and how they all work together. Use online sources such as learningclips.co.uk and YouTube for videos and explanations about how light works and how we see.

Class Information

PE: please bring a full kit (including trainers) to school on a Monday and take home on a Friday.

Homework: Reading every night (30mins)

Weekly spellings - test on Friday.

Monday - English comprehension

Tuesday / Thursday - maths

Wednesday - English grammar activity

Class Assembly: 31st October

School Journey: 5th Nov- 9th Nov

Class Trips: Imperial War Museum - 14th November

Badminton Festival - 23rd November

Paper Garden- 29th November

Winter concert: 13th Dec

RE

In class we will... be exploring the similarities and differences religions and world views share

At home you can... share beliefs that are important to your family. Compare your family's beliefs with other religions and cultures.

Topic - Evacuees

In class we will... be learning about World War II, including evacuees, the Blitz and rationing. In DT, the children will be making model Anderson shelters and landing vehicles and in Art, they will use collage to produce scenes of London during the Blitz. In Computing, the children will be using the 'Scratch' program and then be introduced to Python. In PE, we will develop gymnastic ability and continue to play and adapt invasion games such as hockey, football and tag rugby. In PSHE and Well Being, the topic this term is Sex and Relationships - What do we mean by love? We will also look at 'Rights and Responsibilities' in lessons on Citizenship and British values.

At home you can... discuss with your child how life has changed in London since World War II and look at images and information together. Visit the Imperial War Museum and speak to family members who may have experience of being evacuated. Play games such as badminton together in the park at weekends.