

Violet Class Newsletter



Our topic this half term is Beasts and Beauties

English

In class we will...be planning and writing fantasy stories linked to our class texts; Princess Blankets, King Kong and The Highwayman. We will also be exploring journalistic writing. We will write reports and interviews for characters from our texts. Children will develop their own writing style, using different writing techniques such as: simile, metaphor, using a full range of punctuation, conjunctions and sentence types.

At home you can... read with your child traditional stories with a focus on fantasy and adventure, supporting them when reading aloud. Children should be using Lexia at home for 20mins 3 times a week.

Maths

In class we will...continue to focus on Multiplication tables and using the inverse (division) to solve different types of problems. The children will be learning about equivalent fractions and how to find fractions and percentages of amounts. We will continue to practice using mental calculation strategies. Children will be handling and interpreting data from line graphs and pie charts. Children will also be learning how many faces, vertices and edges 3D shapes have and recognise their nets.

At home you can... Practise multiplication tables every day - ask them out of order for quick recall. Whilst shopping, ask how much items would cost if there was for example a sale where all items are 50% off. Practise finding 25% of 160, 15% of 60 etc. Make sure you log onto Mathletics.co.uk at least twice a week.

Science

In class we will...be learning about the human circulatory system. We will be identifying and naming the main parts of the human circulatory system. We will find out about the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood and learn about the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans.

At home you can...go to the library and find books about the work of different scientists and scientific research. Visit the website kidshealth.org, and find out how our bodies work and ways of looking after them

Class Information

PE is on Fridays and all children require their full PE kit.

Homework: Reading and spellings every night

English -Monday/Wednesday

Maths - Tuesday/Thursday

Class Assembly: TBC

Class Trips: Stratford Theatre - 12th January

Academic Reviews: 19th January

Afterschool Homework Club will start this term.

Details to follow shortly.

RE

In class we will...be developing a deeper understanding of Judaism. We will explore The Torah and the different stories which are found in the Jewish Bible.

At home you can...discuss and find out more about the story of David and Goliath and the festival of Simchat.

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In class we will... be designing and creating patchwork quilts in Design & Technology and making character masks in Art & Design. The children will make 3D masks and decorate them using a range of resources. They will also design and make a class quilt inspired by nature using different fabrics and sewing techniques.

For PSHCE children will look at how the media presents information, how beauty is represented. They will know there are similarities and differences between people in relation to a number of factors including cultural, ethnic, racial, religious diversity, gender and disability. Linking Citizenship to Science we will learn to recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way our bodies function. We will also be learning about the basic anatomy of the body; how blood circulates around the body and the role/structure of the heart.

At home you can... Use recyclable materials to make theatres and 3D models and create your own puppet shows based on our class texts. Visit the Tate Modern and Design Museum to explore sculpture.