

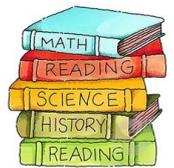
## Violet Class Newsletter - Term Five 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a good holiday - from talking to the children it sounds like they did. It is great to start the term with everyone back together and I have been proud of how the children have settled back into their learning. As this term progresses we are hoping to slowly start getting back to normal - putting the children into tables groups, being able to share resources and use the library once more are the initial steps we are taking. Knowing Year 6 they will just take everything in their stride; question anything they are unsure of and then just get on with it.

Term 5 is traditionally a big term for Year 6 and 2021 is no different. As we enter the final third terms of primary school, it is the time for the children to really show what they can do before making the transition to secondary school. The work they do now and the behaviour they show will inform conversations I have with secondary schools so we expect them (as we always have) to try their best, be proud of what they achieve and look after one another.

### Curriculum



Please see the accompanying topic web for the curriculum areas we are covering. IN addition we are going to continue with our SRE, focussing on what happens to boys and girls during puberty, how babies are born and how babies are made. We will be splitting the boys and girls for these sessions: I will be teaching the girls while Mr Hemming will teach the boys.

### Spellings



This term we are going to be focussing on the statutory words for Year 5 and Year 6 - we have already looked at some so far this year as they have been our 'Hot List' Words. Please find a complete list attached to the newsletter.

### PE



PE will be on a **Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning**. Mr Wilson is focussing athletics and preparation for Sports Day (fingers crossed some version of Sports Day can take place this year) whilst I am looking at stance, footwork and coordination. Our games include continuous relay/movement, beanbag raids and dodgeball. Our Real PE Cog focus for the term is health and fitness - monitoring how hard we are working, basic fitness programmes to maintain fitness and effective warm ups and cool downs.

For health and safety reasons children need to have their hair tied back and all jewellery removed for PE lessons. If your child cannot remove their earrings, they will need to wear tape to protect them unless they are the safety earrings.

PE forms an important part of the school curriculum and if your child cannot take part in a lesson please let me know by writing a quick note.



## Transition

This year South Glos have launched a transition project that they hope all primary and secondary schools in the local authority will participate in so that transition is more consistent between all schools. All the children will be completing a 'pen portait' explainign what they are like as a learner. I am going to meet each child individually to complete this as it is hoped this document will allow seoncdary schools to get to know each child beyond what that attain in Maths and English. These forms will be sent to each secondary school and the children will also be required to take a paper copy with them on their transition day.

Several secondary schools have been in touch about their transitions days: they are all hopeful that Year 6 can spend at least one day in their new schools before the summer holidays. They are also beginning to arrange meeting with me to dicsuss each child ahead of their transition.

## YEAR 6 SATS

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Part of the transition programme is that we tell secondary schools if the children are working below the expected level for Year 6, in line with this expected level or above it. The LA had requested that we all sit a previous year's set of papers to help inform this judgment.

In term 4, all Year 6 had a go at the 2018 papers and did really well. I was most pleased by their attitude towards the tests and they were all quite postive and relaxed about the experience. The tests we do at the end of this term will be simialr and a relatviely low-key event, although I know each child will be determined to do their best.

One of the highlights of SATs Week is Breakfast Club and the children are already talking about it. As SATs week in low-kwy, we will be offering a low-key breakfast club should your child wish to attend. Cereals, croissants and pain-au-chocolat will be availble for a small cost. I will send a aletter confirming the details closer to the time.



## Grittleton House Residential

It is fantastic news that we are able to go on our residential and you have all received a letter giving infomration about Girttleton House and payment for the camp. IN the coming weeks I am going to send out further details, a kit list and a medical form - I am currently waiting for confirmation of the transport to and from Grittleton House. Please ensure that any forms are returned ASAP or by the dates stated.

For children going to Winterbourne International Academy, I have been in contact with their Assistant Headteacher about the transition day that is schduled for our camp week. They are going to arrange another transitions day as they "**absolutely do not want the children missing camp** because they've little enough enrichment opportunities in the last 2 years."

As always, if there is anything that you feel we need to know or if a problem arises please don't hesitate to contact us or see us after school.

Many thanks

Miss Mountford.