



Violet Class Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome back to an action packed term 1!

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Maths

In Maths this term, we will begin by learning about place value and number. We will read, write, compare and order numbers to at least 1 000 000. We will continue to build on the rounding skills taught in Year 4 by rounding numbers up to 1 000 000 to the nearest 10, 100, 1000, 10 000 and 100 000. We will also be looking at the properties of shapes throughout this term. We will compare and measure angles and begin to use a protractor. Finally we will use the properties of a variety of shapes to solve related facts and missing lengths and angles.

English

Our learning this term will be based around the story "The Green Book" by Jill Patton Walsh as it links well to our space topic. We will use the text to plan and write short stories about a life on another planet. The children will be using and applying their inference skills by thinking of the feelings of each character. After writing our short stories, we will move to writing instructions and conveying complicated information concisely. Each day, the children will practice their handwriting and will be encouraged to gain their pen licence.



Term 1 spelling bee:

scrumptious	awkward	ancient
vicious	curiosity	necessary
delicious	ambitious	excellent
precious	cautious	determined

PE

Our PE lesson will be on **Monday** afternoon this term. The children will be taking part in invasion games including netball and basketball.

Please ensure that your child's PE kit is always in school and they have the appropriate kit for both indoor and outdoor PE, including their school PE t-shirt. It is vital that your child has a coloured house t-shirt to wear during Sports Day this year.

I am available at the end of the day if you have any worries, questions or concerns.

I am looking forward to another exciting year full of learning!

Mrs Creed