



Violet Class Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome back to a busy term 2!

This term our topic is 'Riveting Rivers'

This term our topic is all about rivers. We will be using atlases and digital mapping to locate and name famous rivers from around the world. We will track rivers from their source to the seas and oceans which they eventually flow into. When we have learned our new river vocabulary, we will look at the features of a river and investigate why rivers do not run in a straight line.

We will also be learning all about the properties of materials this term as part of our Science learning. We will investigate thermal insulators and conductors and discuss why certain materials are used for specific objects. Next, we will investigate dissolving and evaporating. As a class, we will be carrying out many experiments and using our findings to draw our own conclusions.

Maths

This term we will be focussing on addition, subtraction and a variety of measures. We will begin by refreshing our column method skills. We will be adding and subtracting whole numbers with more than 4 digits using written methods and mental calculations. We will make links to measures by solving multi-step word problems in a variety of contexts.

Throughout our learning of measurement, we will be converting between different units of metric measurement and understanding and using equivalences. We will continue to build on previous years of learning by measuring and calculating perimeter as well as the area of rectangular shapes.

English

Our focus text this term will be 'The Princess' Blanket' by Carol Ann Duffy. We will use the text to write a variety of genres including letters from the main character, a persuasive speech by the King and a narrative based around the story. We will focus on using a variety of clauses in our writing including subordinate clauses and relative clauses.

After writing an alternative narrative, we will move on to writing poetry as a class. We will begin by identifying similes and metaphors which create a powerful picture of the setting and look at what is being inferred by the writer. As a class, we will write our own poems and then perform them to a variety of audiences.



Term 2 spelling bee:

especially	bruise	Parliament	potentially
unofficial	partial	queue	conscious
superficial	confidential	essential	marvellous

Reading



Our highest number of children reading daily at home and with parent signatures is 23 of 29! This is making a huge difference to reading comprehension skills, confidence and the understanding of vocabulary. Even though your child may now be a fluent reader, it is still important to hear them read aloud regularly. I would like to say thank you for your support at home. Let's try to make it 29 this term!

PE

Our PE lesson will be on **Monday** afternoon this term. The children will be taking part in dance. 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. Also, earrings must be removed for P.E. Children need to be able to remove their own earrings if they are to remove them in class.

I am available at the end of the day if you wish to discuss any worries, questions or concerns. I am looking forward to another exciting year full of learning!

Mrs Creed