



## Violet Class Newsletter

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

### **This term our topic is "Earth and Beyond..."**

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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.

#### Literacy

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 license.

#### **Term 1 spelling bee:**



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

## PE

Our PE lesson will be on **Tuesday** afternoon this term. The children will be taking part in outdoor and adventure activities including team work.

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. Earrings will not be worn during PE and children must be able to remove their own earrings and are responsible for keeping them safe.

## Reading

Throughout the year, the children will be challenged to read our 'must read' collection (see below) which has a wide range of exciting and fascinating stories and texts. Throughout the year, the children will be encouraged to read as much as possible and earn rewards and certificates when completing mini-challenges along the way. It is expected that the children will read at home throughout the week in order to further develop their reading skills.

<b><u>Essential Reads</u></b>	Artemis Fowl	Harry Potter <i>(Philosopher's stone)</i>	Matilda	Percy Jackson <i>(Lightning Thief)</i>	Wonder
<b><u>Fun Reads</u></b>	Diary of a Wimpy Kid	The Demon Headmaster	Demon Dentist	Winter Magic	Dork Diaries or Tom Gates
<b><u>Classic Reads</u></b>	The Wizard of Oz	Wolves of Willoughby Chase	Wind in the willows	Tom's Midnight Garden	Stig of the Dump
<b><u>Challenge Reads</u></b>	Dream Snatcher	Once	Who Let the Gods Out	Bubble Boy	The Lion, the Witch & the wardrobe
<b><u>Enriching Reads</u></b>	Mortal Engines	Goodnight Rebel Girls	Wonder Garden	Pig Heart Boy	The Story of Tracey Beaker
<b><u>Poetry</u></b>	Jabberwocky by Lewis Carol		The Sorting Hat song by JK Rowling	Cosmic Disco by Grace Nichols	

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**