



Purple Class Summer 2018 Newsletter

Welcome back to school after the Easter holidays; we hope you have all had a relaxing break. The children have settled in very quickly again and have enjoyed being able to use the playing field during last week's glorious weather.

We have a very busy term ahead, with the key events being a performance in school of the Wind in the Willows by the Image Theatre Group, an Ancient Greeks dressing-up day, SATS, a class trip to Gressenhall, Sports Day, the OPEN singing and dance festival and of course the School Production.

As always, all staff working with Purple Class are available to speak to if you have any questions or wish to discuss any aspects of your child's work or wellbeing. We are always around before the start of the school day, as well as at 3:30pm.

English: At the start of the term our focus will be on the poems of Emily Dickinson. We will use her work as an inspiration for our own poetry writing. Narrative and character analysis work will be linked to The Wind in the Willows. As the term progresses we will look at the features of persuasive argument, first person recounts and biographies through the theme of World War 1. A particular focus will be the war poems of Siegfried Sassoon and others.

We will continue with our Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar work, which will focus on understanding key terminology so that the children can recognise, and then use independently, a wide range of literary features.

Topic: For the first few weeks of this term we will continue with our topic on the Ancient Greeks. This will culminate in a Dress-up Day on **Thursday 10th May**, where we will be sampling some Greek food and undertaking a series of themed activities. We will discuss ideas for easy costumes in class.

After SATs we will start a topic on World War 1. As 2018 is the centenary of the ending of the Great War, our topic will explore life during this significant period in British history. Our trip to Gressenhall on **Friday 25th May** will help to bring this historical period to life.

In our geography work, we will develop our locational knowledge by finding out about rural and urban communities in North America.

PE: This term, the children will undertake games units in Cricket and Athletics. There will be a number of exciting opportunities to be selected for both Cluster and Norwich East cricket tournaments, Cluster athletics at the UEA and the Cluster football tournament.

As the weather during the summer term is likely to be warm please could you ensure your child has a change of clothes for PE. Their PE kit should include a white t-shirt (NOT their class one), dark shorts, trainers and a long sleeved top for colder days.

Maths: In our Maths lessons, we will continue to practise using efficient written methods for the four operations (+, -, \times , \div) with a particular focus on using these skills to solve real-life problems. Fractions, decimals and percentages will be a main focus, together with ratio, proportion and geometry. Daily calculations and times tables practise will help to develop and improve our recall skills.

Science: This term we will be using the Empiribox Science scheme to look at the exciting topic of Physics – Forces, Magnetism and Space. We will be experimenting with 'hands on' investigations every week.

RE: In our RE work, we will find out about belief in our community and make comparisons and links between different religions. We will also investigate some of the key beliefs of the Buddhist religion.



French: Weekly lessons will continue to be taught by a specialist language teacher from Notre Dame High School.

Homework: This term homework will again be sent home on a weekly basis; it will be set on a Thursday and should be returned by the following Tuesday.

Although much of it will require independent work, it is always helpful if you can encourage your child to learn spellings and discuss the activities that are sent home. Generally the tasks will develop skills previously covered within class.