



Viaduct Federation of Schools



Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome back, we hope you have all had a restful break. Our main topic for this term is 'The Vikings'. We will be linking our learning across the curriculum so that the children really get the sense of the history and the culture of this era. This will include themed work where the children will explore Viking life and use Art and DT skills to create their own models of Viking longships and shields. We are looking forward to enjoying the children's last term at Bushfield.

Homework

Spelling

The children will still receive new spellings on a Monday which will be uploaded to Spelling Shed for them to practise online before being tested the following Monday. In school, we will have three 30 minutes sessions working on spelling activities.

Reading

We ask that children are listened to while they read for about 10 minutes a day. They have an appropriate reading book given to them by the school but they could also choose to read a book from home or the library. Please support them by recording their reading in their organisers. Children who read at least 5 times per week are awarded merits.

Maths

The children will be set maths homework at once a week on MyMaths. If the children need support with their homework or have access issues then they should ask their set teacher for assistance. In addition, they can log in to the website Times Table Rockstars to practise their times tables.

Topic

This term your child will be set an open-ended homework project linked to our learning across the curriculum. This is an opportunity to be creative and pursue research in a way that interests your child. Thank you for your support with this. Further details will follow via Parentmail.

Subject Overviews

English

The first part of the half term will see children continue to independently write a range of fiction and non-fiction texts. Towards the end of the term, the children will be inspired by our learning of the Vikings and from class reading of 'How to Train a Dragon'. We will also use our topic to form the basis of some writing about theme parks, linking with our second topic of the term, 'fairgrounds'.

Maths

Initially, we will be consolidating learning from across the entire Maths curriculum that we have learnt throughout the year. As always, we will take the opportunity to make links to real life situations and apply their understanding to solving problems. After half term, we will begin several problem solving projects that will bring together a multitude of mathematical skills and reasoning to a range of contexts, including challenging puzzles.

Science

To start the term, we will begin with our topic of 'Electricity'. We will be building circuits and experimenting with conductors, insulators and voltage. We will also apply our understanding of circuits to alarms. After this, we will be carrying out a variety of investigations designed to support and consolidate our learning over the year.

History

The topic for the summer is the 'The Vikings'. The first half of the term is spent investigating who they were; where they were from and why they came to Britain. We will learn about some of the most prevalent aspects of the Viking era, such as their settlements, their weapons, longships, their beliefs and gods and their language. In the second half term, we will move onto our topic of the Industrial Revolution. We explore the timeline of key events, the impact of various inventions, key inventors and the impact on modern day.

Computing

We explore spreadsheets, using Excel. We will look at why they are used and how they are helpful, as well as learning some of their useful functions. After half-term, we will learn how to use software, such as Prezi, to create a visual presentation.

DT

In the second half term, we will be looking at designs with electrical components. Children will design and make their own light box that will be programmable, using skills from computing.

Art

In this half term, children will be exploring Wax Resist art, based on the techniques used by Henry Moore. The children will create a wax resist art piece inspired by the sculptural work of this artist.

PSHE & RE

In the first half of the term, we will study Christianity – The Modern Church. We look at the Christianity church hierarchy, the role of women in the church and various beliefs within the church. In PSHE, we will look Physical Health: medical science, healthy diets, health support and puberty.

French

The summer term gives children in Year 6 the opportunity to sample two new languages – German and Spanish. This will enable them to develop their language learning skills and find links across languages and it will also help them to make more informed choices about their preferred language for secondary school.

Music

Pupils will apply their knowledge of chords to learning to play the Ukulele, practising strumming patterns on open strings and then learn how to play chords and follow a visual score. We will create a whole class ensemble and enjoy the feeling of playing music in a team. This term brings our musical learning together when pupils will learn to sing songs and play chords on the keyboards and ukulele at the same time. Pupils will prepare songs in unison and harmony, develop vocal and performance skills and enjoy the feeling of making music in a large ensemble.

Games / P.E

This term, the children will build on skills in a range of Athletic sports. They will also continue to develop their abilities in field and striker games like rounders and cricket, as well as consolidating skills in tennis.

Year group info- pictures below from left to right:

- **Head of Year 6** – Miss C Campbell
- **Teachers:** Mrs K Shiers, Mr Targett, Miss L Baldwin, Miss E Megeary, Mrs Robertson
- **Teaching Assistants:** Mrs C Dilger, Mrs A Ahmed, Mrs C Downs



Items to remember

- Practise TT Rockstars for an average of 6 minutes per day
- Spellings - spelling test each Wednesday
- Reading – read for 10 minutes each day

Useful websites

- www.linguafun.eu—for French
- www.trockstars.com—for times tables
- www.edshed.com—for spelling practice through games

Your children have logins for both of these websites. If you don't have them, we can remind you of the details.

Upcoming Events in Summer

SATs information Evening –
Wednesday 19th April

Y6 Trip to Top Jump – Monday 15th
May

Bournemouth Information Evening—
Wednesday 24th May

Be the best you can be.

Did you know we now have a Facebook page?

We have created a Facebook page which will show any news and events across the Viaduct Federation of schools, it is titled 'The Bushfield and Wyvern Viaduct Federation of Schools'. Like us and keep up to date with any fun school events and news!

