



Viaduct Federation of Schools



Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn 1

Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome to Year 5. We are so pleased to have the students back and can't wait to learn more about them. We are pleased to say that the students are settling well into Year 5 and are all working enthusiastically in lessons. We have an exciting Autumn term planned and are looking forward to getting started. If you have any questions or concerns, please phone the office to book a telephone appointment with your child's class teacher.

English

This half term our writing focuses on our topic of *Pakistan*. We will be writing a setting description of a market in Pakistan. We will also write a persuasive letter describing the effects of child labour and why it must stop. The students will finish the half term by writing a non-chronological report linked to Pakistan where they can show off all their learning from the term.

Maths

In Maths this half term, we will focus on consolidating and developing our written methods for all four operations and learning the formal written method for long multiplication. We will also learn to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000. Later in the term, students will identify, compare and measure angles. Students will also look at identifying equivalent fractions, comparing and ordering fractions, and adding and subtracting fractions.

Science

In Science this half term, we will be learning about forces. We will focus our learning around friction, air and water resistance and understanding more about gravity. We will also experiment with how levers, pulleys and gears work.

Geography

During this half term, we will be studying Pakistan in Geography. Students will complete a country study of Pakistan. They will look at key cities, topographical features, biomes, vegetation belts, human impact, changes over time and natural resources.

Computing

In Computing this half term, students will explore how to use the internet safely. They will develop their understanding of how to seek help online by discussing how, why and when to report something.

Design Technology

In DT this half term, students will link their learning about Pakistan by learning how to make a bag which is one of the products which form part of their economy. They will learn simple sewing techniques in order to create their own bag.

PSHE

In PSHE this half term, students will develop an understanding of family difficulties, friendship issues and how to deal with these. Students will recognise who and who not to trust and understand the importance of self-respect.

French

This half term, we will be learning how to say animal names in French. Students will talk about their pets, ask questions and listen for information. We will be learning songs about animals and a pets rap!

Music

In Music this half term, students will learn to sing with increasing musical control, expression and confidence. They will learn to sing a song by the Pentatonix and add body percussion rhythms.

Games/PE

In PE this half term, the focus will be on developing posture, flexibility and floor moves in gymnastics. In Games this half term, students will begin to develop dribbling and shooting skills in football and hockey. In Year 5, PE and Games are timetabled for Monday and Tuesday.

PE Kit Reminder: We are asking students bring their PE kit to school on a Monday and take it home on a Friday. This can be left in their locker in class. Students in Cherry class will also be swimming this term and you should have received a parentmail regarding this. Please ensure your child has their swimming kit on a Friday.

Homework

Spellings

The students will still receive new spellings on a Tuesday which will be stuck in their log books. They will be tested the following Tuesday. We do expect them to practise their spellings at home and they also have access to Spelling Shed to support this.

Reading

We ask that students 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 reading logs. Students who read at least 5 times per week are awarded merits.

Maths

The students will be set maths homework every week. This will usually be on MyMaths. If the students need support with their homework or have access issues, then they should ask their teacher for assistance. If students don't have access to MyMaths, their teacher will be able to print their homework for them.

Homework Project

This half term the students will be set homework linked to our learning about Pakistan. It is not compulsory, but it is a wonderful opportunity for the students to demonstrate and share their understanding.

Year group information, from left to right

- **Head of Year 5** – Mrs J Thomas
- **Teachers:** Mrs C Leighton, Mrs B Alexander, Mr T Whitehead
- **Teaching Assistants:** Miss C Lowe, Mrs A Ahmed



Dates to remember

- Thursday 7th September – SRE information evening 4pm
- Thursday 14th September – Residential information evening 4pm
- Friday 15th September – Pakistan Day
- Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th September – Parents' Evening
- Thursday 19th October – Halloween Disco
- Friday 20th October – Maths and Science Day

Useful websites

- www.trockstars.com - for times tables
- www.edshed.com - for spelling practice through games
- <https://www.mymaths.co.uk/> - for maths homework
- www.linguafun.eu - for French

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

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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!

