



Viaduct Federation of Schools



Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome to a brand new school year – the last at Bushfield! We have already started to get to know your children in our new classes and they are settling into life in Year 6 well. You will have an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher in September's parent consultation meetings, but if any issues arise in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact school and arrange an appointment. We have an exciting Autumn Term planned for Year 6, during which our topic will be 'WW2'.

Subject Overviews

English

The first part of the half term will see children use their new learning on WW2 as a stimulus to write, especially focusing what it would have been like to experience the Blitz during the Battle of Britain, both from the point of view of civilians and RAF pilots. Later in the term, we use our study of wolves in art to inspire some gripping and hair-raising pieces of writing as well as some non-fiction texts too.

Maths

Initially, we will concentrate on the concepts of number, place value and calculation before we begin to introduce some Year 6 specific learning. We will introduce long division, complete extensive work on fractions, decimals and percentages as well as geometry and measurement too. After half term, we continue to practise calculation alongside learning in algebra, ratio and proportion, and statistics.

Science

The first part of the Autumn term will see us focus on the topic of 'Light' which will be linked to our WW2 theme through making periscopes. After half term, the learning will centre around 'Animals and Humans', where we will learn about a range of biological concepts such as digestion, the circulation system and the impact of lifestyle choices on health.

Computing

We will build upon previous knowledge on coding by using the programme 'Scratch'. We will be looking at how to sequence events and create interactive algorithms.

Topic (History and Geography)

The topic for the autumn is the 'WW2'. During this topic, the children will learn about life on the home-front, especially for evacuees and the experience of the Blitz during the Battle of Britain. We will learn about the role of our local area in the war through finding out about Bletchley Park. We also look forward to a trip to the RAF Museum at the end of half term where the children will have an opportunity to see some of the planes from the era, as well as dress up in original RAF uniforms and take part in a workshops to enrich learning about the era.

Geography

Russia is the focus of our Geography studies in the second half of Autumn term. We focus on physical geography learning through studying aspects such as climate, natural resources, and biomes. We also look at how the land use has changed through time. Throughout the topic, we practise our geographical skills by using sources such as maps and charts.

Art

In the second half term, we will be linking our Art to our topic of Wolves. We will be progressing sketching techniques such as shading to create a variety of tones and texture, as well as developing proportion. Children will produce a sketch of a wolf and get the opportunity to see how their abilities have increased.

Design Technology (DT)

Our focus of DT this half term will be sewing. Based on the WW2 approach of 'Make do and mend', the children will be designing and making their own pattern for a piece of clothing, before using their skills to assemble and decorate it.

PSHE

Building on previous units studied in Year 3, 4 and 5, we will look at relationships – in particular, family relationships. We also look at understanding what a stereotype is and how to identify gender stereotyping. Finally, we look at understanding the term 'consent' in the context of social media.

RE

In the second half term, we will focus on RE, especially Christianity. We will study different Christian stories and seek to understand central beliefs of the Christian faith.

PE & Games

Children will have the opportunity to develop co-ordination abilities and skills in a range of competitive and racquet sports this half term including badminton, basketball and handball. The second half term will see children further develop skills in dance. Over the term, Games lessons will focus on striking and fielding games, in particular hockey and football.

PE Kit Reminder: We strongly recommend that your child bring in their full PE kit on a Monday morning and leave it in school until Friday afternoon. This will reduce the number of occasions where children forget their PE kit for lessons.

Music

Linking to WW2, we will look at the role of music, for example, Glenn Miller. We will learn specific musical vocabulary to be able to describe music and instruments. After half term, we will look at music as a characterisation tool by linking our work to a traditional tale structure—Peter and the Wolf. We will look at composition and how an orchestra can be used to build certain feelings and effects.

French

The first half term will focus on learning vocabulary to describe the weather on a particular day and making a simple weather forecast. The second half term we will learn clothing words and link to weather to re-construct the story of "Quel temps fait-il, Berthe?".

Assessment

Each term the children will complete a set of assessment papers, which includes maths, reading, grammar, spelling and writing assessments. We use the results to inform our planning and to identify children who need additional support. We also report the results to you at Parents' Evening so you can see the progress your child is making.

Homework

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 least once a fortnight depending which group they are in. This will usually be on MyMaths. If the children need additional support or access to a computer to complete it they can attend homework club.

Spellings

The children will still receive new spellings on a Monday which will be stuck in their log books. They will be tested the following Monday.

Topic

This term your child will be set a homework linked to our learning across the curriculum. Thank you for your support with this. Further details will follow.

Snack

Please remember to pack a healthy snack for your child to eat at playtime.

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 L Polmear
- **Teaching Assistants:** Mrs C Dilger, Mrs A Ahmed, Mrs C Downs



Items to remember

- Practise TT Rockstars twice per week
- Spellings - spelling test each Wednesday
- Reading – read for 10 minutes each day
- PE Kit – children should arrive to school in suitable kit for the time of year – label all clothing and water bottles

Useful websites

- www.linguafun.eu—for French
 - www.oxfordowl.co.uk
 - Login: Y3 Fir Class (if your child is in one of the other classes, use that class name instead)
 - Password: reading
 - 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

- Bournemouth Information Evening—Thursday 22nd September**
- Parents Evening—Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th September**
- RAF Museum Trip—Thursday 6th October**
- Halloween Disco—Thursday 20th October**

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!

