



Viaduct Federation of Schools

Year 4 Autumn Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parent / Carer,

The new academic year has started off really well and we have an exciting Autumn Term planned for Year 4. Our topic for this half term will be 'The Romans'. You will have an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher at an upcoming Parents Evening, however if any issues arise in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact the school and arrange an appointment. We hope that you and your children enjoy a wonderful start to Autumn Term!

Subject Overviews

English

We will begin the year by recreating a first person narrative linked to the story of 'The Captive Celt' by Terry Deary. Following this, we will create a persuasive leaflet aimed at persuading people to join the Roman army. Later on in the term, we will write an instructional text about the creation of mosaics, which will link to our work in Art. Throughout this term, we will be developing our grammar and spelling skills with focussed lessons, as well as reading Roman themed texts to develop fluency along with analysing characters, recalling key events and inference skills.

Maths

In Maths, we will begin by looking at place value of numbers. This will then lead on to developing written methods starting with addition. We will also be helping the children to develop their problem solving skills and their ability to link mathematical learning. Moving forward, we will then explore 12 and 24 hour time before moving onto finding equivalent fractions and fractions of amounts. Throughout this term, the children will be given regular opportunities to practise and embed their times tables facts and we encourage the children to practise regularly at home.

Science

We will begin our Science by learning about the topic 'Animals Including Humans.' We will be learning about the functions of the digestive system through the use of diagrams and identifying the types of teeth in humans as well as their functions. We will carry out scientific investigations to support our scientific understanding and focussing on fair testing and recording observations. We will develop our observation skills by identifying if the animal is a herbivore or carnivore. We will be building upon our knowledge of grouping animals, and we will construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey.

Computing

To begin the year, we will revisit our learning of E-Safety and keeping ourselves safe online during our topic of 'Don't Fall for Fake'.

History

In History, we will be learning about Roman Britain. We will look at the invasion of Britain, Boudicca's rebellion as well as Hadrian's Wall. We will develop our analytical skills by observing the changes this brought to Britain as well as the lasting impact that we can still see today.

PSHE

We start the year focussing on relationships and working effectively with each other. We will also explore how friendships make us feel, what makes a healthy relationship and types of bullying.

Art

In Art, we will be using our knowledge linked to our work on 'The Romans' to learn about the creation of mosaics and develop our own ideas of a repeating pattern in the style of a Roman mosaic.

French

French will be taught throughout the year by Mrs Coffey and the children will begin the year by describing their families and sending communication to our link school in France.

Music

This term, we will be learning to play tuned percussion focusing on xylophones, metallophones and glockenspiels. Children will learn how the notes are arranged and start to play some short musical phrases using call and response. We will also learn about musical phrasing and the importance of a 'musical full stop'.

Games / P.E

On Thursday afternoons, the children will have a Games session either focussing on hockey or football. On a Wednesday morning the children will have a 45 minute indoor PE lesson and a 45 minute outdoor PE lesson. The indoor PE lesson this term will focus on gymnastics whilst the outdoor session will be HRF (health related fitness) with a link to nutrition.

PE Kit Reminder: Children are to come in wearing their PE kit on the days when they have PE (Wednesdays and Thursdays).

Year group info-pictures below from left to right:

- **Head of Year 4** – Miss A Burns
- **Teachers:** Mr M Batchelor, Miss K Harrison, Miss K Orange
- **Teaching Assistants:** Mrs T Mawson, Mrs C Dilger, Mrs H Rogers



Homework

Spellings - children will receive new spellings on a Thursday which will be stuck in their log books. They will be tested the following Thursday. We ask that they access Spelling Shed 2 times a week minimum.

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 focusing on their times tables with TTRockstars. We ask that they access this 2 times a week minimum.

Homework – Topic homework will be sent out throughout the term (this is longer, project-based activities). Children are encouraged to complete their homework because it reinforces the learning which takes place in school and is another opportunity to practise. Those who complete their homework regularly and to a good standard can earn rewards.

Snack -Please remember to pack a healthy snack for your child to eat at playtime along with a refillable water bottle.

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

Your children have logins for both of these websites.

Logins are stuck into their personal log books.

Dates to remember

- Friday 8th September – Roman Day
- Thursday 14th September at 3:20 – Residential Information Evening
- Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th September – Parents Evening
- Week beginning 16th October – Assessment Week

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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!

