



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. We have an exciting Autumn Term planned for Year 6, during which our topic will be 'WW2'. 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

History

The topic for the autumn is 'World War II'. 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.

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.

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.

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

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

At the end of the half 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.

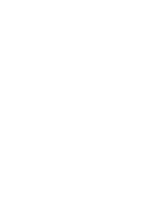
Topic

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.

Drinks & Snacks

Please remember to pack a healthy snack for your child to eat at playtime and provide a named water bottle.

- **Head of Year 6** – Miss C Campbell
- **Teachers:** Miss Hobson, Mr Targett, Miss L Baldwin, Miss E Megeary,
- **Teaching Assistants:** Mrs C Downs, Mrs Preston, Mrs Adil, Mrs Dexter, Miss Wong (not pictured)



Items to remember

- Practise TT Rockstars twice per week & homework once a week on My Maths.
- Spellings - spelling test each Wednesday
- Reading – read for 10 minutes each day
- PE Kit – children are to come in their kit on the days they have PE (Tuesdays and Fridays) and should have suitable kit for the time of year.

Useful websites

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

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

Upcoming Events

TBC

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!



Be the best you can be.