



Viaduct Federation of Schools



Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome to Autumn 2 already! We have all settled into life in Year 5, have been enjoying our exciting curriculum and are eagerly looking forward to this half term. As we rush towards Christmas, we have plenty to keep us busy and working hard.

If you have any questions or concerns, please phone the office to book a telephone appointment with your child's class teacher.

English

This term our focus turns from Pakistan to Ancient Egypt. We will create our own story based on an extract from the 'Nowhere Emporium'. Towards the end of the term, we will write a description from the point of view of Howard Carter when he first found King Tutankhamun's tomb.

Maths

In Maths this term, we will focus on decimals, conversion of measures, statistics and shape. Children will solve problems involving converting between different units of measure. They will also read and interpret information from tables and line graphs whilst continually developing and practising the written methods for all four operations.

Science

In Science this term, we will move on to learning about different materials and their properties. We will start by investigating thermal conductors and insulators before investigating the solubility of different materials. Children will also plan and complete an investigation into evaporation.

History

This term our focus is History. The children will explore artefacts which tell us more about what it would be like in Ancient Egypt. They will further develop their understanding of chronology and how the Egyptians fit into Ancient History.

Computing

In Computing this term, children will be developing their understanding of search engines and how to refine their internet searching skills in order to narrow down the results.

Design Technology and Art

This term in Art, we will look at self-portraits in order to understand facial proportions. We will then be creating an Egyptian Funerary Mask using mod rock and decorating it in the style of Picasso.

RE

In RE in Year 5, we focus our learning on Islam. This term the focus will be on developing an understanding of the Islamic beliefs, values and commitments.

French

During this term, we will extend our understanding by reading independently and identifying features of a sentence. We will then go on to write a short paragraph about our pets and our favourite animals.

Music

In this term, children will listen to different themes from the Carnival of the Animals and compare them by listening to and discussing the dimensions of music. They will develop their instrumental skills when they learn to play melodies and phrases and then use these skills when they work in an ensemble to compose their own theme for a chosen animal.

Games/PE

In PE and Games this term, the children will be learning the rules and practising the skills for playing Hockey, Basketball and Badminton as well as learning how to ride their bikes safely. We are lucky to have bikes and helmets to suit all children in school so there's no need to bring their own. Cherry class will also continue their swimming lessons each Friday.

PE Kit Reminder: Games is timetabled for Monday and PE is on Tuesday. Children need to come to school in their PE kit on both of these days. Kit needs to be in line with the school uniform policy and it is a good idea to include a spare pair of shoes and socks plus a jacket and long bottoms for inclement weather.

Homework

Spellings

The children will still receive new spellings on a Tuesday which will be stuck in their log books in order to practise both at home and school although they will no longer be tested weekly. Please encourage them to practise regularly because they will still be tested during assessment week and spelling contributes to the level they will be awarded for their writing. All children have access to Spelling Shed in order to practise too.

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 reading logs. Children who read at least 5 times each will week receive a raffle ticket. Each term, a ticket is drawn from each class and the winner will receive a book.

Maths

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

Homework Project

This term the children will be set a piece of homework linked to our Ancient Egyptians History topic. 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

- Tuesday 31st October – Maths & Science Day
- Tuesday 31st October – Halloween Disco
4.00 – 5.30pm
- Wednesday 8th November - Egypt Day
- Friday 29th November – Federation Lantern
Festival 4.00 – 5.30pm
- Wednesday 6th December – Panto (in school
day)
- Friday 15th December – Christmas Jumper
Day and Christmas Lunch
- Tuesday 19th December – Art and French
breakfast Day
- Wednesday 20th December – Christmas
performance (evening)

Useful websites

- www.ttrackstars.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!

