



Viaduct Federation of Schools



Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome back to the Summer Term. We hope you have all had a restful break. Our topic for this half term is Anglo Saxons. This topic will enable the children to learn about a new area of History and develop their curiosity. We will be linking our learning across the curriculum so that the children really get the sense of the history and the culture. As always, if you have any concerns, worries or questions, please contact the office to make an appointment with your child's class teacher.

Year 5 Team

English

During the first half term, we will be using The Anglo-Saxons and the book Beowulf as the basis for our Writing. We will be working hard to develop our understanding of this aspect of history. The children will write a flashback based on the text Beowulf and use their creative writing skills to write an alternative ending to the story. At the end of the term, the children will also write a non-chronological report based around the historical area of Sutton Hoo. During Guided Reading, the children will have opportunity to explore the story of Beowulf in depth.

Maths

The children will continue to develop their knowledge and understanding of a wide range of topics in Maths including the four operations, fractions, decimals, position & direction and statistics. We will be developing our reasoning skills using White Rose Mastery resources.

Science

Our first Science topic in Summer is 'Living Things and Their Habitats'. The children will be looking at the lifecycles of different types of animals such as amphibians, insects, birds and mammals. The children will also be discovering the different stages of the plant lifecycle and changes that will occur to their bodies during puberty. As a reminder, this is a National Curriculum expectation and is compulsory. It will be taught to all children in single gender groups.

Computing

During this half term, some of the children will be using the programming system 'Crumble Carts' to create an algorithm. This will involve them sequencing, coordinating and debugging their robot to ensure that it is working. The other children will be looking at online safety and how to use search engines effectively.

History

The children will be learning about The Anglo Saxons. They will explore the chronology of events, how the Anglo Saxons arrived in Britain, the different Anglo Saxon Kingdoms and how Anglo Saxon religion and language has impacted modern Britain.

Art

For Art, the children will be completing a project linked to identify. The children will research the work of famous artists including Njideka Akunyili Crosby and Thandiwe Muriu and use this as an influence to create their own self portrait.

RE

For RE, we will continue to focus on Islam. This will involve the children learning about where Muslims go to worship and exploring many different religious festivals that Muslims celebrate throughout the Islamic calendar.

French

The children will be learning about food and drink for the first half of Summer term. They will learn how to discuss likes and dislikes when it comes to food and drink. Children will learn how to give different opinions around food and discuss others opinions. They will have multiple opportunities to write French sentences linked to their learning.

Music

During Summer 1, pupils will be learning to play chords on the keyboard. They will practise how to form a chord, how to move between chords and read a visual score and how to add a bassline to their chords.

Games/PE

Over the Summer term in PE, the children will develop their fielding and striking skills in rounders and their serving, forehand and backhand hits in tennis. In Games, the children will develop a range of athletic skills including running, throwing and jumping.

PE Kit Reminder: Children need to come dressed in their school PE kit (no football shirts or coloured hoodies) on both of their PE days (Monday and Tuesday). We request that you please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.

In addition to this, Walnut class will be swimming on a Friday afternoon. Please ensure they have their swimming kit, including a towel and appropriate clothing to walk there and back.

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

Homework

Spellings

The children will still receive new spellings on a Tuesday which will be stuck in their log books. Although we no longer test each week, children are still expected to practise these regularly in order to confidently and accurately spell when writing.

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 per week are awarded a raffle ticket which is then entered into the draw for a book from Jeff the vending machine.

Maths

The children will be set printed maths homework each week. It is also useful if they can practise their times tables regularly using TT Rockstars.

Year group information, from left to right:

- **Head of Year 5** – Mrs J Thomas
- **Class Teachers:** Mrs C Leighton, Mrs B Alexander, Mr R Brown
- Miss C Lowe, Mrs A Ahmed



Dates for your diary

- Walnut class is swimming each Friday afternoon so they will need their kit and appropriate clothing to walk there and back
- Whitemoor Lakes residential Parents' Information evening – Wednesday 17th April
- Whitemoor Lakes Trip – 1st to 3rd May

Useful websites

- www.ttrockstars.com - for times tables
- www.edshed.com - for spelling practice through games
- www.linguafun.eu - for French
- www.oxfordowl.co.uk – for reading

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

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!



Attendance Matters



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ATTENDANCE REVIEW

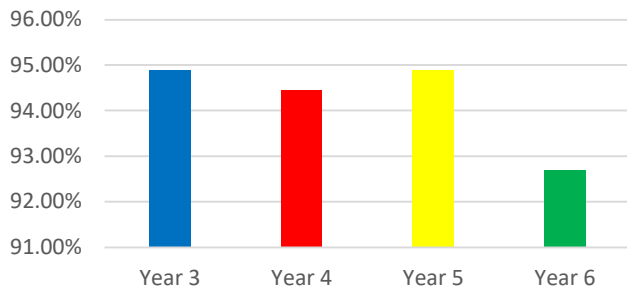
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128 possible days

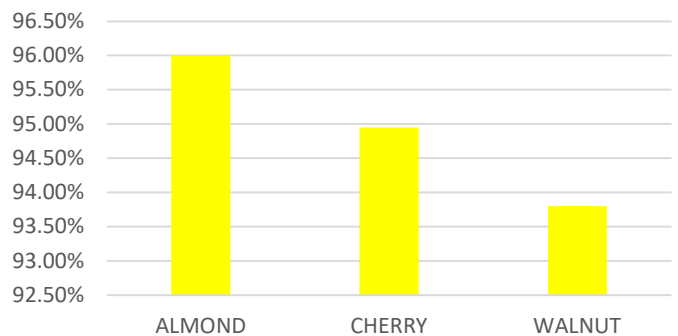
As you know, pupil attendance is very important and is a focus on schools from both the government and the local authority. In terms of our drive to raise awareness, please see below our classes' average attendance.

As you can see, we are so close to reaching the national expectation (96%). Thank you for all of your efforts to get the children in everyday does make a difference. Please can we encourage you to keep it up for the spring term.

Whole School Attendance to end of Spring Term 1



Year 5 Attendance by Class



100% attendance **97% attendance**

128 days of learning 124 days of learning

0 days absent 4 days absent

EXCELLENT

High attendance leads to high achievement and a greater chance of success – Well done!

95% attendance **90% attendance**

121 days of learning 115 days of learning

7 days absent 13 days absent

CONCERNING

Poor attendance makes it harder to progress and limits opportunities for success

85% attendance **80% attendance**

108 days of learning 102 days of learning

20 days absent 26 days absent

SERIOUS CONCERN

Very poor attendance seriously impacts on education and reduces life chances!

Be the best you can be.