



Viaduct Federation of Schools

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome back to the last term this academic year. We hope you have all had a enjoyable half term break. Our topic for this half term is Mountains. We will be looking into how mountains are formed and why they are important to the world. 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

In this half of the term, we will focus our writing around mountains. During this time, the children will read a story set in a famous mountain range and write a setting description based on this story. They will then further develop their knowledge of the storyline by creating a diary written from the perspective of one of characters. Finally, children will write their own poem around the theme of Mountains.

Maths

The children will continue to develop their knowledge and understanding of a wide range of topics in Maths including the four operations, decimals, negative numbers, converting units and volume. We will be developing our reasoning skills using White Rose Mastery resources.

Science

The children will be using their knowledge of the lifecycles of different types of animals and plants to develop their understanding of the different stages of the human life cycle and the changes that will occur during different stages of their life.

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.

Geography

The children will be learning about Mountains. They will have the opportunity to use atlases to locate different mountains. Children will also discover how mountains are formed, look at human impact on mountains and learn how contour lines are used to measure land height.

DT

During this half term in DT, the children will be designing, making and evaluating their own moving toy. They will explore the different cam mechanisms available and decide what helps to make a stable structure before embarking on making their own versions.

PSHE

The children will begin to identify the important aspect of physical health. They will build on their knowledge of puberty and learn about the importance of good physical hygiene, a good diet, risks of substance misuse and the risk of an inactive lifestyle. We will also be having a lesson on RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) where we will discuss reproduction. This lesson is not compulsory and you can withdraw your child by contacting the office in advance.

French

The children will be consolidating their understanding of food and drink. They will learn how to read and understand a menu and order at a snack bar. They will have the opportunity to create their own menu and read and write an additional page for a story.

Music

During Summer 2 in Music lessons, pupils will apply their knowledge of chords to learning to play the Ukulele. Pupils will practise strumming patterns on open strings and then learn how to play chords and follow a visual score. We will create a whole class ensemble and enjoy the feeling of playing music in a team.

Games/PE

Over the Summer term in PE, the children will develop their fielding and striking skills in rounders and cricket. 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 Thursday). 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.

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



Things to remember

- PE morning has changed from Tuesday to Thursday
- Walnut class is swimming each Friday afternoon
- Practise TT Rockstars for 10 minutes per day.
- Spellings - new spellings each Tuesday. Practise using EdShed regularly.
- Read for 10 minutes each day.

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.

Upcoming events

- Wednesday 19th June – RSE lesson
- Friday 5th July – Reports out
- Thursday 11th July – Sports' Day (pm)
- Tuesday 16th July -School Disco
- Friday 19th July – last day of the Summer term

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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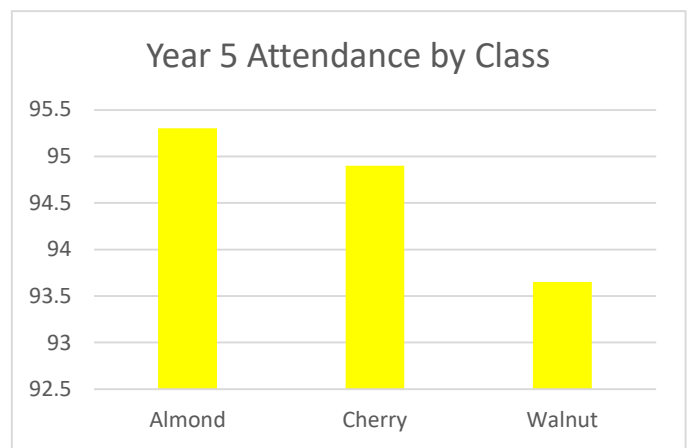
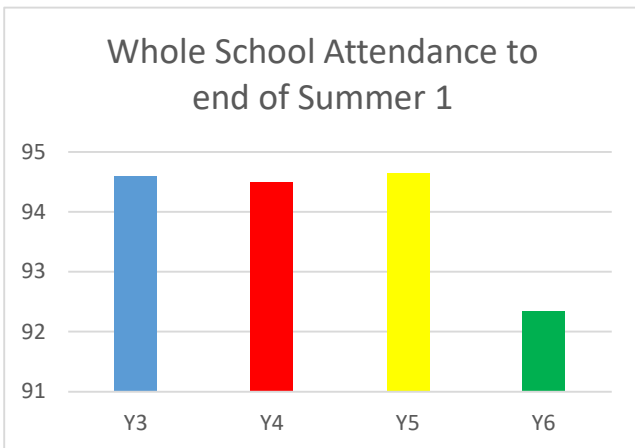
ATTENDANCE REVIEW

SUMMER TERM 1

157 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.



100% attendance	97% attendance
157 days of learning	152 days of learning
0 days absent	5 days absent
EXCELLENT	
High attendance leads to high achievement and a greater chance of success – Well done!	

95% attendance	90% attendance
149 days of learning	141 days of learning
8 days absent	16 days absent
CONCERNING	
Poor attendance makes it harder to progress and limits opportunities for success	

85% attendance	80% attendance
133 days of learning	126 days of learning
24 days absent	31 days absent
SERIOUS CONCERN	
Very poor attendance seriously impacts on education and reduces life chances!	

Be the best you can be.