



Viaduct Federation of Schools



Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn 1

Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome to Year 5. We are so pleased to have the students back and can't wait to learn more about them. We are pleased to say that the students are setting well into Year 5 and are all working enthusiastically in lessons. We have an exciting Autumn term planned and are looking forward to getting started. If you have any questions or concerns, please phone the office to book a telephone appointment with your child's class teacher.

English

This half term our writing focuses on our topic of Pakistan. We will be writing a setting description of a market in Pakistan. We will also write a persuasive letter describing the effects of child labour and why it must stop. The students will finish the half term by writing a non-chronological report linked to Pakistan where they can show off all their learning from the term.

Maths

In Maths this half term, we will focus on consolidating our understanding of place value up to a million as well as developing our written methods for all four operations including learning the formal written method for long multiplication. We will also learn to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000. Later in the term, we will be looking at identifying equivalent fractions, converting improper fraction to mixed numbers, comparing and ordering fractions, and adding and subtracting fractions.

Science

In Science this half term, we will be learning about forces. We will focus our learning on friction, air and water resistance and understanding more about gravity. We will also experiment with how levers, pulleys and gears work.

Geography

During this half term, we will be studying Pakistan in Geography. We will complete a country study of Pakistan. We will look at key cities, topographical features, biomes, vegetation belts, human impact, changes over time and natural resources.

Computing

In Computing this half term, we will explore how to use the internet safely. We will develop our understanding of how to seek help online by discussing how, why and when to report something.

Design Technology

In DT this half term, we will link our learning about Pakistan by learning how to make a bag which is one of the products which form part of their economy. We will learn simple sewing techniques in order to create our own bag.

PSHE

In PSHE this half term, we will develop an understanding of family difficulties, friendship issues and how to deal with these. We will recognise who and who not to trust and understand the importance of self-respect.

French

This half term, we will be learning how to say animal names in French. We will talk about our pets, ask questions and listen for information. We will be learning songs about animals and a pets' rap!

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 this half term, the focus will be on developing posture, flexibility and floor moves in gymnastics. In Games this half term, we will begin to develop dribbling and shooting skills in football and hockey. In Year 5, PE and Games are timetabled for Monday and Thursday.

PE Kit Reminder: Games is timetabled for Monday and PE is on Thursday. Children need to come to school in their PE kit on both 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. Students in Cherry class will also be swimming this term and you should have received a Parentmail regarding this. Please ensure your child has their swimming kit on a Friday.

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. They also have access to Spelling Shed to support this.

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 homework focus for maths is to practise times tables daily for 10 minutes. Examples of how to do this could be using TT Rockstars, the Hit the Button game, saying them out loud or writing them down. If saying them out loud or writing down, please encourage children to say the whole number sentence and the related division facts for example: $2 \times 2 = 4$ because $4 \div 2 = 2$ as this embeds this knowledge for quick recall.

Homework Project

This half term the students will be set homework linked to our learning about Pakistan. 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, Miss K Harrison
- **Teaching Assistants:** Mrs Adil, Mrs Dilger, Mrs Preston, Mrs Addis



Dates to remember

- Wednesday 11th September – SRE information evening 4pm
- Thursday 12th September – Residential information evening 4pm
- Friday 13th September – Pakistan Day
- Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th September – Parents' Evening
- Thursday 24th October - Halloween Disco
- Friday 25th October - Maths and Science Day

Useful websites

www.trockstars.com - for times tables

www.edshed.com - for spelling practice through games

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.

BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE

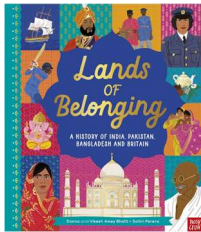
Did you know we now have a Facebook page?

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!





Suggested Books – a range of fiction and non-fiction linked to the topics and themes of the half term should your child wish to read further or need inspiration on what to read next!



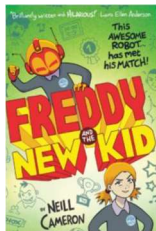
This book aims to piece together the interesting, surprising, and sometimes very sad story of India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Britain, and how these countries have shaped one another over the centuries. It explores the vast empires and amazing inventions of ancient India, reveals the challenges faced by South Asian migrants to Britain and celebrates the amazing culture, innovations, inventions, and achievements of British people of South Asian heritage today.

Budi's going to play for the greatest team on earth, instead of sweating over each stitch he sews, each football boot he makes.



But one unlucky kick brings Budi's world crashing down. Now he owes the Dragon, the most dangerous man in Jakarta. Soon it isn't only Budi's dreams at stake, but his life.

A story about dreaming big, about hope and heroes, and never letting anything stand in your way.



Similar in style to Wimpy Kid and Tom Gates, but with a touch more text, so it's a nice step forward for children who love the illustrated format and are ready for a slightly more complex story. It's a hilarious, feel-good read.



This is a gripping and emotive read filled with heart. As the plot unfolds, Ella is left to navigate through the tribulations of friendships, dealing with adults who don't always do the right thing and figuring out what the best way to handle big secrets might be.



This book features multicultural characters in an amusing, entertaining story about mischievous characters who are a group of best friends that help each other out in difficult situations.