

Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term! Our theme for this term is 'Brazil' We will be linking our learning across the curriculum so that the children really get the sense of the geography, artwork and culture within the country, with a focus on rainforests.

Subject Overviews

English

This half term we will be writing poems and non-chronological reports about the rainforest. We will also be working on grammar, reading skills, spelling and handwriting which includes getting used to writing in pen.

Maths

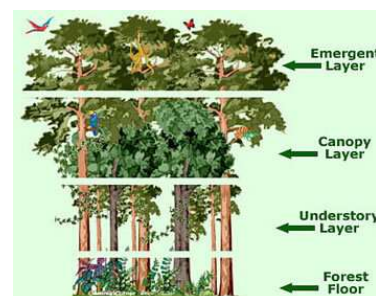
This half term we will be moving on to the written methods of multiplication and division. We will also be helping the children to develop their problem solving skills and their ability to link mathematical learning. Once children have reached our early target times tables of 2x, 5x, and 10x we will move onto 3x and 4x later in the term.

Science

In the second half of this term, we will have the chance to learn about magnets and forces where we will investigate how strong different magnets are and classify materials based on their levels of magnetism.

Computing

In computing we will then link with our English topic to create a fact file on animals of the rainforest and learn how to copy and paste images and use them to best effect with text.



Be the best you can be.

Topic (Geography)

In geography we will learn how to use an atlas and different maps to locate topographical features, biomes, vegetation belts and cities. We will also learn about the human and physical geography of a region and investigate how its land use has changed.

Art

After half term we start our art studies by looking at the work of Frida Khalo before creating our own painted collages based on her techniques.

RE

This year all of our RE will be about Christianity under the themes of Believing, Belonging and Behaving.

PE & Games

In PE on Tuesday mornings, the children will be developing their dance skills. In Wednesday games lessons, they will develop their collaboration and communication skills, as well as their ball skills playing netball and basketball and focus on coordination and control in hockey.

PE Kit Reminder: Children are to come to school wearing their PE kits on Tuesday and Wednesday please.

Music

In this half of the term, the children will link their learning about the rainforests in Brazil to music by composing soundscapes using body percussion. They will also start looking at using the djembe drums.

French

The children will be exploring the language and developing their confidence through an interactive story called 'Milo's adventures in the rainforest' which links to our topic.

Homework

Reading

We ask that children read each day for 10 minutes. Each child in Year 3 will be issued with a level appropriate reading book within the first two weeks. It really helps their progress if they are heard regularly at home and we would be grateful if you could initial their Personal Log each time you hear them. You can also access books online through Oxford Owl.

Maths

To support the times tables check (MTC) which happens nationally in Year 4, the children will be given time in school to practise their times tables and will be tested regularly. They can also practise online using TT Rock Stars where they can earn certificates for practising the most or being the most improved student.

Spellings

The children will be set a new spelling list to learn once a week on a Friday. We find that practising for a few minutes every day really helps the children to learn and remember their spelling patterns and rules. Children can practise in their books or online using EdShed where they can play games, earn points and maybe a certificate.

Topic

We also set a homework project per topic which enables the children to further explore their learning. The children are encouraged to complete this homework and we share all of the projects with the whole year group.

Children are encouraged to complete their homework because it reinforces the learning which takes place in school and is another opportunity to practise the skills they have learned. Those who complete their homework regularly and to a good standard will earn rewards.

Year group information - pictures below from left to right:

- **Head of Year 3** – Mrs A Wheatley
- **Teachers:** Mr Brown, Miss A Thomas
- **Teaching Assistants:** Mrs M Haith, Mrs V Lyon, Mrs A Ahmed



Items to remember

- Practise TT Rockstars regularly
- Spellings - practise new lists weekly
- Reading – read for 10 minutes each day
- PE Kit – Tuesday and Wednesday. Children should arrive to school in suitable kit for the time of year – label all clothing and water bottles

Useful websites

- www.ttrockstars.com—for times tables
- www.edshed.com—for spelling practice through games

Upcoming Events in Autumn

Friday 15th November – Ranger Stu visits Year 3 and Rainforest Day

Friday 13th December – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 17th December – Christmas Performance.

Thursday 19th December – House Art Day and French Breakfast.

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!

