



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 be identifying multiples and factors, including finding all factor pairs of a number, and common factors of two numbers. We will solve problems involving multiplication and division, including using our knowledge of factors and multiples, squares and cubes. We will also be recognising mixed numbers and improper fractions as well as adding and subtracting fractions.

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. We will explore artefacts which tell us more about what it would be like in Ancient Egypt. We will further develop our understanding of chronology and how the Egyptians fit into Ancient History.

Computing

In Computing this term, we will be developing their understanding of Scratch, identifying problems within the code and writing our own code.

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 Modroc 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 Music this half term, we will learn to sing with increasing musical control, expression and confidence. We will learn to sing a song by the Pentatonix and add body percussion rhythms.

Games/PE

In PE and Games this term, we will be learning the rules and practising the skills for playing Hockey, Netball & Basketball and Dance. Cherry class will also continue their swimming lessons each Friday.

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 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. 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 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, Miss K Harrison
- **Teaching Assistants:** Mrs Adil, Mrs Dilger, Mrs Preston, Mrs Addis



Dates to remember

- Wednesday 4th December – Panto (in school day)
- Friday 13th December – Christmas Jumper Day
- Tuesday 17th December – Christmas Performance
- Thursday 19th December – French Breakfast and Art Day

Useful websites

- www.trockstars.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

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!





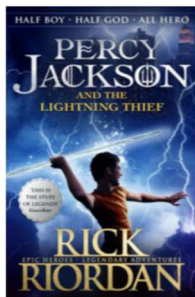
Suggested Books – a range of fiction and non-fiction linked to the topics and themes of the half term should your child wish to read further or need inspiration on what to read next!



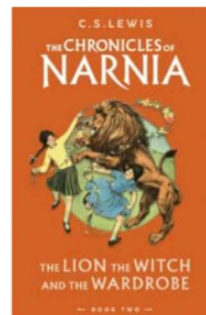
When the mysterious Nowhere Emporium arrives in Glasgow, orphan Daniel Holmes stumbles upon it quite by accident. Before long, the 'shop from nowhere' -- and its owner, Mr Silver -- draw Daniel into a breathtaking world of magic and enchantment.



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.



Hugely popular among fans of action and adventure, Percy Jackson's modern world is turned upside down when he finds out he is descended from Greek gods. What follows is battles with monsters and epic quests in an action-packed series that merges Greek mythology with the modern world. There are plenty of books in the series to delve into.



Be enthused by our descriptive writing and enjoy this traditional series of books which has been a fan favourite for years.