



Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all. This is a busy and exciting term in Year 5. As you will see, we have a tightly packed schedule of fantastic learning opportunities for the children coming up. You will have the opportunity to meet your child's Maths and English teacher later on in Spring term 1 but if you have any questions in the meantime, please don't hesitate to get in touch or arrange a meeting.

Subject Overviews

English

During Spring 1, we will be focusing on the Titanic as the basis for our Writing. We will be working hard to develop our understanding of this modern aspect of history by writing a letter to the captain to persuade him to learn from the mistakes made when the Titanic sunk then writing a non-chronological report about the famous ship.

Maths

The children will continue to develop their knowledge and understanding of multiplication and division which will support their understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages.

Science

Continuing on from Autumn term, our first science topic in Spring is 'Properties and Changes of Materials'. The children will be conducting different experiments and focusing on key skills when writing up their findings.

History

The children will be learning about the Titanic. They will explore the chronology of events, the structure of the ship, the class divide on board and use a range of secondary sources to draw their own conclusions about the disaster.

Design Technology

This term, the children will be evaluating a range of types of bread. They will look at the nutritional value and how bread fits into a healthy, balanced diet. They will be learning about how to make bread with a visitor before designing, making and evaluating their own.

PSHE

The children will develop their understanding of mental health linking this with how to behave online to protect themselves. They will learn how to recognise and report unsafe feelings as well as learning how to recognise triggers and self-care techniques.

French

The children will learn how to describe fruits referring to their colour and size. They will develop their use of conjunctions to develop opinions and create their own French poem. Children's learning will be linked to the book 'Dix Petites Graines'.

Music

The children will learn about the different music that the social classes listened to on the Titanic. They will learn to play the melody believed to have been played by a string quartet as the Titanic sank.

Games/PE

In PE the children will be using our exciting Outside Adventure Activity (OAA) resource, orienteering around the school site using problem solving and map reading skills. In addition, they will be developing their sequencing skills in gymnastics. In Games the children will be continuing with the learning of invasion games as they learn through Handball and Netball. Almond class will be attending their swimming lessons on Friday afternoons.

PE Kit Reminder: PE is timetabled for Wednesday and Games 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.

Homework

Spellings

The children will still receive new spellings on a Tuesday which will be stuck in their spelling 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.

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 children will be set a homework project linked to our learning across the curriculum on the theme of the Titanic.

Year group information, from left to right

- **Head of Year 5** – Mrs J Thomas
- **Teachers:** Mrs C Leighton, Mr P Harper, Miss K Harrison
- **Teaching Assistants:** Mrs C Dilger, Mrs L Seemarks, Mrs A Giles



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Dates for your diary

- Almond class is swimming each Friday afternoon so they will need their kit and appropriate clothing to walk there and back
- 27/01/26 – Cherry Class visit to the library in the afternoon
- 03/02/26 & 04/02/26 – Almond then Walnut Class visits to the library in the afternoon
- 10th & 11th February – Parents' Evening

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 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!

