



Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome back! Spring 2 is a short half term but we're going to make the most of the short time that we have! The children have settled in well to Bushfield and we have some exciting learning to do this half term.

Subject Overviews

English

In this term, the children will be continuing to learn about the different types of text types. They will be writing a persuasive holiday brochure and a suspense narrative. They will be looking at a range of punctuation, the different word classes and extending their knowledge of *sentences* and the different sentence types.

Maths

For the first time, we be looking at fractions and in order to support this, we would appreciate it if you could help the children practise their times tables at home. We will also be moving on to mass and capacity and exploring the concept using both book and practical work.

Science

In Science, we are learning to identify parts of a plant and will be learning about the process of pollination and seed dispersal. The children will be able carry out their own investigations to help them further understand how water is transported through the stem.

Computing

We will then be using the children's prior learning to support this half term's unit based on emails, where the children will write, send and receive emails using an email system called Tocomail.

Topic (History and Geography)

In Geography, we will be looking at our focus country of Italy. We will be developing our atlas skills by locating its cities and topographical features as well as learning about its varied climate. Over the weeks, the children we learn about how tourism is a large part of the economy and we will compare both the physical and human features between Italy and the UK.

RE

This half term, Year 3 will be learning about key Christian beliefs in RE. They will explore who Christians believe Jesus is, including his miracles and teachings, and how he taught people to show love and forgiveness. The children will also learn about the Ten Commandments and where Christians get their ideas of right and wrong. Finally, they will study why Easter is important to Christians by looking at the events of Holy Week.

Design Technology (DT)

Throughout this term, in Design Technology, we will be exploring season foods and where our food comes from. Over the course of the half term, we will be making our own seasonal meal to take home.

PE & Games

This term, the children will be learning skills in volleyball in PE and using cross-country as a basis for their studies in health-related fitness. Games lessons will focus on the skill of targeting through a variety of sports including dodgeball, rocket ball and archery. They will also be developing their racquet and ball skills in tennis.

Music

This term, the children will be exploring pitch and the work of the composer Anna Meredith. The children will have a focus on rhythm and will use these taught skills to create their own percussion rhythms.

French

In this half of the term, we will be learning to describe our town. All children have access to the website www.linguafun.eu if they wish to top up on their skills at home.

Homework

Reading

We ask that children are listened to while they read for about 10 minutes a day. If children complete a book review (copies are available in school) and bring it to a teacher to be signed, they can be entered into a prize draw to win an Amazon Fire tablet! Raffle tickets are also given to children to reward them for positive reading behaviour and then entered into a prize draw to win a book from our friendly book vending machine, Jeff!

Maths

The children are set homework using Times Tables Rock Stars which they have access to both in school and at home on any device with internet access. They may also be set written homework which will go home on a Friday.

Spellings

The children will still receive new spellings on a Thursday which will be stuck in their Personal Organisers.

Year group information - pictures below from left to right:

- **Head of Year 3** – Mrs O’Grady
- **Teachers:** Mrs Shirley, Mr Brown, Mr McArthur
- **Teaching Assistants:** Mrs M Haith, Mrs V Lyon, Miss M Reid, Miss T Lawrence



Items to remember

- Practise TT Rockstars twice per week
- Spellings - new spellings every Friday
- Reading – read each day
- PE Kit – Tuesday and Wednesday. Children should arrive to school in suitable kit for the time of year – remember hats in the summer and warmer items in the cooler months – we aim to have PE outside as often as possible!
- Label all clothing and water bottles.
- Snack - please remember to pack a healthy snack for your child to eat at playtime.

Useful websites

- www.linguafun.eu—for French
- www.oxfordowl.co.uk
- www.trockstars.com—for times tables
- www.edshed.com—for spelling practice through games

Your children have logins for both of these websites. If you don't have them, we can remind you of the details.

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!

