



Viaduct Federation of Schools



Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parent / Carer,

The first half term went very quickly and this shorter half term is likely to whizz by too. We have lots to fit in and look forward to seeing your children grow in confidence and flourish. We have just had Parents' Evening but as always, if you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch or arrange a meeting.

Subject Overviews

English

This term, we will focus our writing around the topic of Space. During this time, we will write a narrative based on the story La Luna focusing on detailing the emotions of the main character. We will further develop our skills by writing a diary.

Maths

Throughout the term, the children will have various opportunities to consolidate their knowledge of the four operations. They will also be continuing their learning about decimals and percentages as well as investigating area and perimeter. We will finish the half term studying statistics with a focus on graphs and tables.

Science

We have a new topic this term and will be learning about 'Earth and Space'. The children will be exploring the different orbits of the Earth, Moon and Sun and linking that to all of the planets in our solar system.

Geography

The children will be exploring the USA generally with a focus on Florida. They will have the opportunity to use atlases to locate different cities, topographical features, biomes and vegetation belts in the USA and discover how land use has changed over the last 100 years.

Art

Inspired by Andy Warhol and our topic of Space, the children will explore using oil pastels to create their own piece of art work. This will involve them designing a space themed image and recreating that 4 times but in different colours (just as Andy Warhol would have done).

RE

For RE, we will be learning about Christianity, specifically the importance of the Bible, Baptism and the Easter story. We will also be looking at how Christians' beliefs influence local and global response to green issues.

French

To link with our topic of Earth and Space, the children will learn the names of the planets in French and describe them referring to size, colour and order from the sun. The children will begin to develop their use of description and present their learning in the form of a concertina book.

Music

The children will compare the way that Holst uses music to depict the characteristics of the different planets. Learning to play "Mars" on the keyboard, pupils will read complex rhythms and learn about the pulse and meter of music.

Games/PE

In PE the children will be developing their Volleyball skills which they started learning in Year 4. They will also participating in Cross Country. In Games the children will be playing Tennis and focusing on being able to sight and hit a variety of targets.

PE Kit Reminder: We are asking children to come dressed in their school PE kit on both of their PE days (Wednesday and Thursday) and request that you please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.

Homework:

Spellings

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

Reading

We ask that children are listened to while they read for about 10 minutes a day. They have an appropriate reading book which they can change regularly but they could also choose to read a book from home or the library. Children are awarded raffle tickets for reading related learning 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 children will be set a homework project linked to our learning across the curriculum on the theme of Earth & Space.

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 Seamarks, Mrs A Giles



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
- Space Day – Friday 27th February
- World Book Day – Thursday 5th March
- Whitemoor Lakes Information Evening – Thursday 26th 3:30pm

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 they don't have them, we can remind them 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!

