



Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome back! Our theme for Summer 2 is 'The Tudors' however we will still be continuing with some of our cross-curricular activities related to Ancient Greece. Linking our learning across the curriculum allows the children to really get the sense of the history, the beliefs and the culture of the past.

Subject Overviews

English

As always, our focus will be on sentence construction, using punctuation accurately for specific purposes and developing our creativity as writers. This term we will also be revisiting recounts in the form of a diary which will help us research our topic and write a diary from the point of view of a Greek Goddess.

Maths

This half term we be continuing to develop our understanding about time. We will be looking at calculating the duration of events using both analogue and digital clocks. We will then be learning about shape, focussing on angles and different lines before moving onto statistics where we will be analysing pictograms and bar charts. As always, we will take the opportunity to make links to real life situations and provide the children with practical activities to support their understanding.

Science

In this half of the summer term, we will be carrying out a variety of investigations designed to support and consolidate our learning over the year.

Computing

In ICT this term, we will continue to use Scratch as a resource to teach the children how to write algorithms.

Topic (History and Geography)

The topic for the second half of the summer term is the 'The Tudors'. We will be learning about the legacy of the Tudors including family trees, Henry VIII's six wives, daily life for rich and poor, crime and punishment, and disease.

PSHE

In PSHE this term we will be looking at staying healthy specifically our physical health. We will be looking at the benefits of being active, sleeping well and eating a healthy diet as well as how to keep safe in the sun.

Art

This term we will be looking at the skills involved in using water colours. We will be learning how to sketch a landscape and add colour effectively. We will be recreating landscapes from photographs taken on our trip to Stowe Garden in the first half of the term.

PE & Games

Over the Summer term in Games, the children will develop their fielding and striking skills in baseball, rounders and cricket. In PE, the children will develop their cycling skills.

Music

This term the children will learn where the Samba originated and will explore the syncopated rhythms working towards creating a multi-layered ensemble. They will also explore the works of Beethoven, specifically his 5th symphony with a focus on pitch and rhythm in a classical context.

French

This term we will be reading the French version of "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" and creating our own story books. Then we will be working around the theme of "ice-creams". Activities include talking about our favourite flavours, learning how to buy an ice-cream, understanding menus and prices and making our own ice-cream menus.

Assessment

As part of monitoring progress, and to help us best support your child, we will be asking your child to carry out some assessments. These will include various maths, reading, grammar, spelling and writing assessments.

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.

Spellings

The children will still receive new spellings weekly which will be stuck in their Personal Organisers.

Project

The children can also complete a project based on The Tudors using any medium they wish to show their understanding and creativity. Details of the project to be sent home in the 1st week back.

Year group information - pictures below from left to right:

- **Head of Year 3** – Mrs L Shirley (Mrs E O’Grady is on maternity leave from now)
- **Teachers:** Mr R Brown, Mrs A Spence, Mrs A Thomas, Mr M McArthur
- **Teaching Assistants:** Mrs M Haith, Mrs V Lyon, Mrs M Reid, Miss T Lawrence



Items to remember

- Practise TT Rockstars for an average of 6 minutes per day
- Spellings - new spellings each Tuesday or Thursday
- Reading – read for 10 minutes each day

Useful websites

- www.linguafun.eu—for French
- www.ttrockstars.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.

Upcoming Events in Summer

- Stowe Gardens trip – Friday 5th June 2026
- Meet the New Teacher Day – Tuesday 30th June 2026
- Tudor Day – Friday 3rd July 2026
- Sports Day – Wednesday 8th July 2026
- Reports out – Friday 10th July 2026
- Colour Run fundraising event – Monday 13th July 2026
- End of Term disco – Tuesday 14th July 2026

DETAILS FOR THE EVENTS TO FOLLOW

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!

