



Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter – Summer Term

Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a restful break. Our main topic for this half term is 'Rivers'. We will be looking at rivers around the world, the features of rivers and conducting some local research. Please keep an eye on ParentMail throughout this term as there will be lots of dates of interest (Sports Day, Disco etc) as we near the end of the school year.

Subject Overviews

English

During this term, the children will be writing an explanation text around the setup, rules and game of both Cricket and Rounders. The children will then take part in a whole school writing piece where we will be given a stimulus and asked to re tell the story.

Maths

The children's first focus this half term will be Statistics. In this topic, they will learn to read and interpret a variety of different graphs including pictograms, bar charts and line graphs. Following this, the children will turn their focus to Shape. In this topic, the children will identify, order and compare angles as well as looking at a variety of different shapes and learning their properties. The children will also continue to practise their written methods with a dedicated calculation lesson each week. Throughout this term, the children will still be given regular opportunities to practise and embed their times tables facts during our afternoon sessions, and we encourage the children to practise regularly at home to help earn their Times Tables certificates. We will be developing their reasoning skills using White Rose Mastery resources.

Science

This term Science topic is called 'States of Matter'. The children will be learning about the different states of matter and how temperature can affect these. They will carry out scientific investigations to support their scientific understanding with a focus on fair testing and recording observations. The children will also learn about the water cycle and link this to the three different states of matter.

Computing

In Computing, the children will be working on their coding skills using FMSLogo. They will learn to write algorithms to control a 'turtle'. The children will also learn how to debug an algorithm to gain their desired effect.

Geography

During this half term, the children will be learning about Rivers. The children will develop their geographical understanding by locating rivers all over the world and then develop their knowledge of the main parts of a river system. They will use fieldwork to observe and measure the physical geography of the local area and then write up their findings.

PSHE

The children will learn about the importance and benefit of a healthy diet. They will learn about how they can find out information to choose a healthy diet as well as learning about good dental hygiene. The children will also get the opportunity to learn some basic first aid. To complete the year, the children will review learning from the three topics reflect upon what the children remember, and think is important for others to know by presenting this information.

DT

The children will be looking at the science behind floating. The children will develop and design a boat; they will generate, develop, model and communicate ideas through discussion, annotated sketches and cross sections. Linking to their work in Science, the children will use electrical systems in their boats to produce a motor powered airboat.

French

During this term, the children will read some French stories together around the theme of character creation. The children will then have the opportunity to demonstrate their understanding by creating their own descriptions, pictures and story books.

Music

In Music, pupils will be learning to play the Tal. The children will focus on the techniques used to play different tones and play rhythm patterns in an ensemble. Pupils will also learn play Indian music on pitched and unpitched percussion instruments.

Games / P.E

The children will continue to develop their abilities in field and striker games like baseball and cricket, as well as consolidating their understanding of a variety of multi-skills games.

Year group info-pictures below from left to right:

- **Head of Year 4 – Miss A Burns**
- **Teachers: Miss B Evans, Mrs S Sparshott- Dzialoszynski (Mrs D), Mrs S Khimji**
- **Teaching Assistants: Mrs T Mawson**



Homework

Spellings - Children will receive new spellings weekly which will be stuck in their spelling books. We ask that they access Spelling Shed 2 times a week minimum and complete their home practise in their spelling book.

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. Children who read at least 5 times per week are awarded a raffle ticket.

Maths - The children will be focusing on their times tables using TTRockstars. We ask that they access this regularly (equivalent of 10 minutes per day). This is the last term before the MTC check so the more practise the children get the more confident they will feel.

Homework – Topic homework will be sent out throughout the term (this is longer, project-based activities). Children are encouraged to complete their homework as it reinforces the learning which takes place in school and is another opportunity to practise. Those who complete their homework regularly and to a good standard can earn rewards.

Things to Remember

Snack -Please remember to pack a healthy snack for your child to eat at breaktime along with a refillable water bottle

PE Kit – Children are required to come to school in their PE kit on their PE days (Monday and Tuesday). Please ensure that all PE kit is labelled with your child's name (this helps us to ensure it gets back to them when it is lost).

Uniform –Please ensure that all uniform is labelled with your child's name (this helps us to ensure it gets back to them when it is lost).

Useful websites

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

Dates to remember:

- Multiplication Test: between Wednesday 3rd June and Monday 8th June
- Assessment Week: between Thursday 18th June and Friday 26th June
- Thursday 25th June – Class Photos
- Tuesday 30th June – Transition Morning
- Wednesday 8th July – Sports Morning
- Monday 13th July – Colour Run
- Tuesday 14th July – End of Term Disco
- Friday 17th July – Last Day of Term

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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!

