



Viaduct Federation of Schools



Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome back to the Summer Term. We hope you have all had a restful break. Our topic for this half term is Anglo-Saxons. This topic will enable the children to learn about a new area of History and develop their curiosity. We will be linking our learning across the curriculum so that the children really get the sense of the history and the culture. As always, if you have any concerns, worries or questions, please contact the office to make an appointment with your child's class teacher.

Year 5 Team

English

During this half term, we will be using The Anglo-Saxons and the book Beowulf as the basis for our Writing. We will be working hard to develop our understanding of this aspect of history. The children will write a narrative based on the text Beowulf and use their creative writing skills to write an alternative ending to the story. At the end of the term, the children will start to write a suspense narrative which will be completed in Summer 2. During Guided Reading, the children will have opportunity to explore the story of Beowulf in depth.

Maths

The children will continue to develop their knowledge and understanding of a wide range of topics in Maths including the four operations, shape and position and direction. We will be developing our reasoning skills using White Rose Mastery resources.

Science

Our first Science topic in Summer is 'Living Things and Their Habitats'. The children will be looking at the lifecycles of different types of animals such as amphibians, insects, birds and mammals. The children will also be discovering the different stages of the plant lifecycle including plant reproduction.

Computing

During this half term, some of the children will be extending their Y4 knowledge and understanding of CAD using a programme called SketchUp which is 3D modelling software. The other children will be looking at Microsoft Publisher learning how to search and navigate websites effectively as well as creating and formatting a document.

History

The children will be learning about The Anglo-Saxons. They will explore the chronology of events, how the Anglo Saxons arrived in Britain, the different Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms and how Anglo-Saxon religion and language has impacted modern Britain.

Art

For Art, the children will be completing a project linked to identity. The children will research the work of famous artists including Njideka Akunyili Crosby and Thandiwe Muriu and use this as an influence to create their own self portrait.

RE

For RE, we will focus on Islam. This will involve the children learning about how Muslims are taught to behave from the Quran, the importance of pilgrimages and how Muslims respond to local, national and international needs. We are hopeful to include a visit to the local mosque too, dates to be confirmed.

French

The children will be learning about food and drink for the first half of Summer term. They will learn how to discuss likes and dislikes when it comes to food and drink. Children will learn how to give different opinions around food and discuss others' opinions. They will have multiple opportunities to write French sentences linked to their learning.

Music

During Summer 1, pupils will be learning to play chords on the keyboard. They will practise how to form a chord, how to move between chords and read a visual score and how to add a bassline to their chords.

Games/PE

Over the Summer term in PE & Games, the children will be focusing their learning on developing a range of athletic skills including running, throwing and jumping.

PE Kit Reminder: Children need to come dressed in their school PE kit (no football shirts or coloured hoodies) on both of their PE days (Wednesday and Thursday). We request that you please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.

In addition to this, Walnut class will be swimming on a Friday afternoon. Please ensure they have their swimming kit, including a towel and appropriate clothing to walk there and back.

Snack: Please remember to pack a healthy snack for your child to eat at playtime along with a refillable water bottle.

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 the Anglo-Saxons

Year group information, from left to right

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



Dates for your diary

- Walnut class is swimming each Friday afternoon so they will need their kit and appropriate clothing to walk there and back
- Whitemoor Lakes Residential Trip
29th April – 1st May
- Homework projects due in – 18th May
- Matilda production – 21st May

Useful websites

- www.ttrockstars.com - for times tables
- www.edshed.com - for spelling practice through games
- www.linguafun.eu - for French

Your children have logins for these websites in their spelling book. If they don't have them, we can remind them of the details.

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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!

