

Health and Citizenship

At Vernham Dean, our Health and citizenship curriculum is centred around three areas: relationships, healthy lifestyle and living in the wider world. This term we will be learning about: **Healthy Lifestyle Living in the Wider World 999** - How to respond in an emergency and **Relationships Belonging to Groups** - Team work and belonging to different groups

Maths

Throughout the term, children will cover a range of areas, in line with the National Curriculum. This will include, number and place value, the four operations, fractions, measures and geometry. We also have a big focus on learning times tables. This is taught using a range of teaching methods and games. Maths in Oak is designed to incorporate practical based learning as well as reasoning, where children learn to 'think about thinking' and explain their own mathematical reasoning.

English

In line with the National Curriculum, children will learn reading, writing, grammar and spelling skills. Children participate in Guided Reading, explicit grammar lessons and spelling lessons. This term our English topic is 'heroism'. We will be looking at women who have changed the world and will be learning about different genres of writing such as diaries and formal letters. In guided reading we will also be learning about heroism and various books about historical figures who have impacted the world.

PE

This year we have a new sports coach called Coach Lee! The children are going to be participating in a range of sports, this term that includes hockey and cricket! The other session of PE will be taught by Mrs Richardson Children need to have their PE kit in school all week.



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Welcome to another school year! If you have any queries, feel free to pop in and see me.
Kind regards, Mrs Richardson

Science

Our Science work in the first half term will be about 'Forces and Magnets'. We will be learning about what a force is and different types of force. We will also be carrying out investigations for the children to explore forces and magnets. Children will plan and carry out their own investigations based on questions they want to discover answers to. After half term we will be learning about Light.

Computing

The children regularly use computers and ipads throughout the curriculum to support their learning. Our new focus will be using programmes such as Power Point and Word and programming.

Music

We have a new music programme in school that the children (and adults) love! Children learn music skills through listening, practising and game based activities.

Creative Curriculum

This term our creative curriculum topic is 'Countries, Counties, Coasts'. Firstly, children will explore the 'world' by identifying continents and oceans. They will explore where the U.K. is located in the world. Children will then learn all about the UK and how it is organised into countries, counties and cities. They will learn about the human and physical features of Great Britain, such as population, life expectancy, tallest mountains, longest rivers, coastlines and much more.

RE

In Year 3 and 4 we explore religious concepts linked to Christianity or Hinduism. Our R.E. focus weeks this term will be based on:
Concept: Remembering - Holi
Concept: Suffering - Key events of the Holy week