

Health and Citizenship

At Vernham Dean, our Health and citizenship curriculum is centred on three areas: relationships, healthy lifestyle and living in the wider world. This half term we will be learning about: **Wants or Needs?** - **Money for Life**

Music

Children learn music skills through listening, practising and game based activities, using the schools fantastic music resource - 'Charanga'. This term's focus is Jazz music.

PE

Coach Lee will continue to teach the children on a Tuesday afternoon. This terms focus is Hockey. Monday session will focus on Rugby and Netball skills or dance. PE will be on Monday and Tuesday, however the children do need their kit in school all week.

Science

Our Science work this term is 'Evolution and Inheritance'. Children will recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabit the Earth millions of years ago. Children will identify that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but that they will vary. They will explore the traits that have been passed down to them. Further study will explore how animals and plants have adapted to suit their environments.

Computing

The children regularly use computers and i-pads to support their work throughout the curriculum. The learning focus this term is 'Blogging', where children will create a blogging page based on their interests.

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*to catch up with me with any
Kind regards, Mrs Johnson*



Creative Curriculum

This half term we are learning all about the Vikings, who they were and what they contributed to society. As historians, the children will assess a range of evidence about the Vikings and form their own opinions on who they were. After half term our topic will be 'That's Entertainment!' where we will explore the history of animation from the early 20th century to the beginning of the 21st century. Children will compare and contrast the changes in animation as well as creating their own animation using green screen technology!

RE

In year 5 and 6 we explore religious concepts linked to Christianity or Islam. Our R.E. focus weeks this term will be based on: Leadership and Prophethood. Children will explore the concept of leadership, through the lives of Jesus and Hitler.

Maths

In line with the National Curriculum we will continue to develop children's understanding of number and place value. Throughout the term children will cover number and place value - including the four operations, fractions, measures and geometry. Children will learn through a range of different activities, ranging from practical based maths to written maths. We will continue to develop children's understanding and fluency of mental maths. A key focus for this term is problem solving and reasoning in maths and year 6 will have booster sessions in preparation for SATs.

English

In line with the National Curriculum we will be developing children's understanding and use of grammar. Each week the children will participate in grammar and spelling rule based activities and learning. Children have guided reading sessions to further develop their reading and comprehension of written language. Children write often and are given opportunities to self-evaluate and to edit and improve their writing. This half term we are starting the '10 minute writing challenge' a wonderful way to encourage and inspire writing. We will cover non - chronological report writing, poetry and we will be having our very own 'Bake off!' to inspire our recount writing!

MFL

In Spanish, the children will be learning about days of the week, months of the year and seasons.