



## Viaduct Federation of Schools

### Reception Autumn Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome to Wyvern and to a brand new school year. We have an exciting Autumn Term planned for FS2. We are looking forward to getting to know your children and help them settle into school life at Wyvern. You will have an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher in September's parent's meetings, but if any issues arise in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact school and arrange an appointment. Our topics this term will be All About Me, Families, Healthy Eating and Autumn.

## Foundation

## Subject Overviews

### Stage 2

### Teachers



Mrs Bennett- Head of FS

& Hedgehog Family



Mrs Lloyd- Seal Class



Mrs Roberts- Seal Class

#### Writing

This half term we will be practising our pencil control in FS2. The children will have many opportunities to mark make in shaving foam, paint and practise their cutting skills through our independent learning. We are also very excited to begin our new handwriting scheme and I'm sure you will see your child's writing go from strength to strength. All of these activities will help strengthen children's fingers in preparation for writing. We will introduce letter sounds and formation through our Read Write Inc sessions which will begin week 4.

#### Reading

Children will be introduced to all of the single letter sounds and some special friends this term through our daily Read Write Inc. sessions. We will introduce oral blending opportunities so that children can hear sounds in words and blend them together. This is an important skill for children to develop in reading. Children will have access to story books in all of our learning areas to encourage a love of books.

#### Maths

This year we will be basing our Maths teaching on the White Rose Math scheme. We will begin by exploring mathematical concepts such as matching and sorting. We will have plenty of chances to practise these skills during choosing time. We will begin to compare amounts and features of objects such as size and mass through our Math inputs. We will also explore pattern during this term to help prepare us to work with numerals next term.



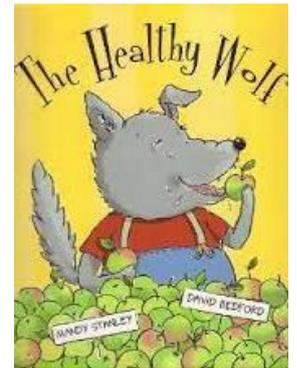
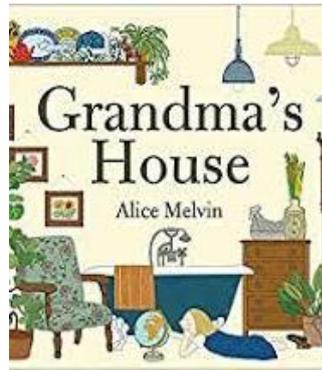
Mrs Kirk- Penguin Class

### Topic

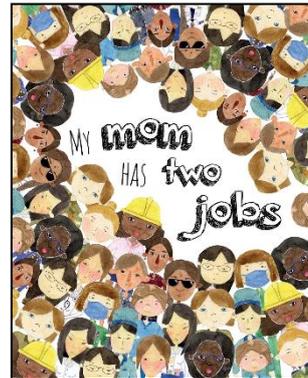
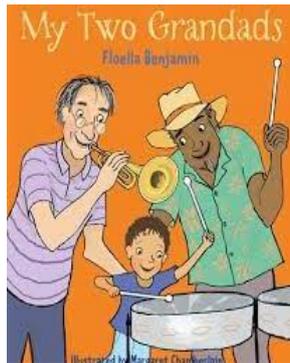
Our topic this half term is 'All about me', where we will learn about and celebrate our differences. We will learning about our families including where our grown-ups work and how things were different for our grandparents. We will also explore healthy eating and dental hygiene. Finally we will learning about the changes of seasons through our Autumn topic.



Miss R Arscott- Penguin Class



Miss E Arscott- Turtle Class



### Subject Overviews continued..

#### Personal Social and Emotional

Children will discuss what makes them happy, sad, excited, etc. We will learn about what makes a good friendship and how to play within groups. School rules and expectations for behaviour will be reinforced during the school day during all activities. The children will begin to develop resilience when faced with challenging activities.

#### Communication and Language

The children will have the opportunity to talk about what they like about school. They will be encouraged to listen during class circle times and respond appropriately to questions. All children will be able to express their own ideas. We will introduce new vocabulary during discussions and will refer to these as 'wow words'. Listening to stories every day and talking about events will continue throughout the year.

#### Physical Development

Children will have access to the FS2 outdoor area during continuous provision where they will practise den building, running, climbing, throwing, and catching to develop our gross

motor skills. The children will also be introduced to various animal poses to help them become successful writers. Some of the poses we will learn are meerkat, gorilla, stone lion, penguin, and lizard. The children will also be having their weekly PE lessons inside and outside.

### Music

In Music our focus will be on beat and tempo. Using the topic "All about me" we will sing echo songs as well as perform movement and play instruments to a steady beat. We will also sing and play sounds at different speeds.

### Understanding the World

The children will be investigating using their senses as they explore similarities and differences between themselves and others as part of our inclusion and diversity topic. Children will also compare and discover different items that they would find in an older house lived in by grandparents, compared to a modern house. As well as looking at diversity and inclusion we will investigate changes in the seasons as we venture on an autumn hunt and observe the changes we can see, feel and hear.

### ICT

By this stage in the year, the children can recognise that a range of technology is used in places such as homes and schools. They are able to use ICT for a purpose and understand that information can be retrieved using ICT. We will continue practise operating different programme on Ipads and whiteboards in school.

### Expressive Arts and Design

As we extend our inclusion and diversity topic "All About Me" into arts and design we will be exploring what makes us unique. The children will explore their features and express these using resources like paints, pens, chalk and play dough whilst mixing colour. This will also give the children the opportunity to use different equipment to develop their fine motor skills and creativity.

## Homework

**Reading** - Children will be bringing home their reading records with words to practice and a reading book to share with you. Please write in the reading record when you read at home with your children.

**Maths** - Practise counting objects and actions to 10. Can your children recognise any of the numbers in the environment (door numbers and signs are good places to look).

**Topic:**

Families – Please have the children bring in a photo or draw a picture of their family. Can they remember a special time for the family and talk about it? Why was it special for them?

Healthy Eating – Can children make a fruit salad at home? What fruit would they put in their fruit salad? Challenge them to try at least one new fruit or vegetable. Why is it healthy?

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**Upcoming Events:**

- Read Write Inc. Information session 9:00am– 9:45 am Date TBC
- 01st October - Macmillan Coffee morning (at Bushfield school)
- Parent's Consultation Evenings 28 and 29 September 2020
- Halloween disco Thursday 21 October 2021

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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!

