



## Viaduct Federation of Schools

### Reception Autumn 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer

We are very pleased with how well the children have settled into Wyvern. The children have made lovely friendships, have got used to the routines in school, and have begun their learning journeys at Wyvern. The children are now having daily Read Write Inc lessons. They are also having Maths, Literacy and Handwriting inputs almost everyday. Our topics this half term are Bonfire Night, Fairy Tales, Jolly Postman and Christmas.

### Subject Overviews

#### Foundation

#### Stage 2

#### Teachers



Mrs Bennett- Head of FS

& Hedgehog Family



Mrs Lloyd- Seal Class



Mrs Roberts- Seal Class

#### Writing

The children will practise writing during our topic related Literacy sessions. We will practise retelling stories using story telling language as well as acting out Fairy Tales. We will practise writing and mark making through our independent learning using the letter sounds we have learned in Read Write Inc. Children will begin to Fred talk short words to spell them. We will assess the children in Read Write Inc. and then group them according to their next steps. The children will continue to practise writing their name and using the correct pencil grip during our handwriting sessions.

#### Reading

Children have been introduced to most of the single letter sounds during our Read Write Inc sessions. After half term they will learn about special friends including "sh", "th", "ch" "qu", "ng", and "nk". Children will begin to bring reading books home. We are sure they will be very excited to share these with you at home. We will be changing these books once a week to allow children to develop their confidence and fluency. Please encourage your children to Fred Talk unfamiliar words and to use their pointing and sliding finger to read words.

#### Maths

We will continue making repeating patterns using sounds, actions, colours and objects; trying to spot mistakes and fix them! The children will be exploring the composition of numbers 1,2,3, 4 and 5 comparing them using mathematical language such as 'more', 'less' and 'the same' and being able to subitise (estimate) amounts up to 5. They will record amounts with numerals or marks. The children will explore 2D shapes, including circles, triangles, squares and rectangles, counting sides and describing them and . The children will develop their spatial awareness, using and understanding prepositions such as 'on top', 'under', 'next to' and 'between'. We will be continuing counting up to 20 and focusing on counting out objects accurately.



Mrs Kirk– Penguin Class



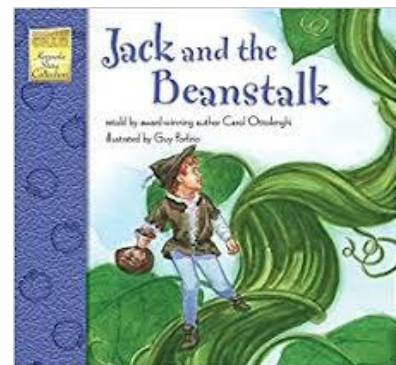
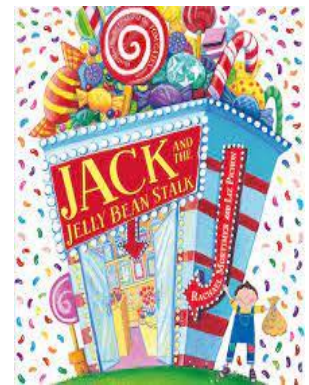
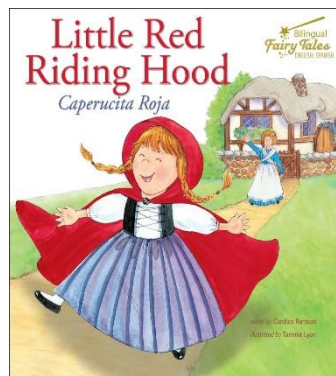
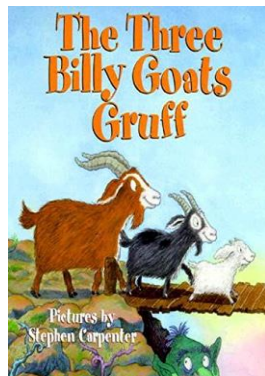
Miss R Arscott– Penguin Class



Miss E Arscott– Turtle Class

## Topic

This half term we will learn about Bonfire night and how and why we celebrate it. We will consider the historical events that occurred during this time. We will also share some Fairy Tales within our topic and Literacy lessons this half term. Children will practise retelling and sequencing these familiar stories. We will be looking at how the stories are structured and will be encouraging the children to act out and talk about their favourite parts. Following familiar Fairy Tales we will then look alternative traditional tales and create our own endings to the stories. Finally we will learn about the Story of Christmas and talk about family celebrations.



## Subject Overviews continued..

### Personal Social and Emotional

The children will be looking at ways in which they can be helpful.. Following on from this the children will talk about the importance of sharing and being a good friend. They will practise following the school rules and earning community coins for being kind and helpful.

### Communication and Language

This half term the children will retell Fairy Tales and use dress up and use imaginative language to act out scenes from the fairy tales that they learn. They will retell them in their own words. They will continue to listen carefully to instructions and listen attentively in small and large groups.

### Physical Development

Children will practise writing letter sounds using the correct letter formation. Our children have been learning how to use the correct pencil grip using the Nip, Flip and Grip method. The have been

practising where to begin and finish their letters during our handwriting lessons. In our weekly PE sessions, this half term, we will be practising our ball skills. We will be turn taking and learning how to make a ball travel in different ways.

### **Music**

In Music, our focus will be on high and low pitch. Using the topic "Fairy Tales" and other well know stories we will perform raps using high and low vocal and instruments sounds. We will practise for our Christmas performance as well.

### **Understanding the World**

Children will investigate light and dark through our Bonfire night topic using our dark tent.

We will also investigate changes and how things grow and decay. Children will make shrunken apple heads and will make predictions about what will happen and observe the changes overtime. We will also grow bean stalks through our Jack and the Beanstalk topic. In addition we will learn about different celebrations through our Bonfire Night and Christmas topic.

### **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 I pads and whiteboards in school.

### **Expressive Arts and Design**

Children will explore using different media to create art including using collages, firework pictures. They will use props in their role play linked to our topic. Children will act out narratives and make up their own narratives through our Fairy Tales topic .

**Parent Reminder:** We require your child to bring in their full PE kit at the beginning of the half term and it will be sent home after the last session of PE for the half term to be washed. The PE kits will need to be returned on the first day of the following half term. **FS2 have PE every Wednesday.**

## **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 and beyond. Make sure children count accurately. Practise ordering objects according to height, weight and length.

## **Topic**

**Bonfire Night** – Ask children to make a firework picture. What could you use for the fireworks? Be as creative as you like.

**Fairy Tales** - Read Fairy Tales with your children. Ask them to retell the story in their own words using story telling language.

**Christmas** – Ask children to create their own Christmas decoration. Ask the children for their design suggestions and to think about what they will need to create their decoration

## Upcoming Events

- 4th November Dolphin and Turtle Phonics information session 9:00am
- 5th November Seal and Penguin Phonics information session 9:00am
- 25th November Individual School photos
- 16th December Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch
- 17th December Christmas Activity day

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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!

