



## Viaduct Federation of Schools

### Year 2 Autumn 2 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to Wyvern. We hope you all had a good half-term. This half term our topic is the works of author Roald Dahl. We will be reading a variety of Roald Dahl stories starting with 'The Twits.' In the first week back we will be creating firework poetry using a range of poetic techniques. We will also be creating a chocolate bar inspired by Will Wonka. We will be designing, producing and evaluating our own products. Year 2 will continue participating in Growth Mindset and wellbeing lessons to support their mental health.

#### Your Year 2 teachers

#### Subject Overviews



Miss Meek – Head of Year 2 & Elephant Class



Miss Rowson – Zebra Class



Miss Saunders – Giraffe Class

#### English

We are going to start the half term creating poetry based on fireworks using alliteration, similes, rhyme, rhythm and onomatopoeia. Year 2 will be looking at books written by the same author (Roald Dahl). The children will be reading a selection of his books including The Twits, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and The BFG. When looking at the Twits the children will be writing character descriptions using expanded noun phrases and sub-ordination. To help create their own version of the BFG they will be using their imagination to create their own dream jar. We will be focusing on different sentence openers and suffixes.

#### Maths

We will start the half term by learning to tell the time. Please practise reading o'clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past at home. When focusing on addition and subtraction children will develop their skills in column methods. They will be beginning to exchange and bridge across columns. In fractions, children will recognise, find, name and write halves, thirds and quarters of a length, shape, set of objects or quantity. We are also going to be identifying the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. Please continue working at home on the multiplication and division facts for the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables.

#### Guided Reading

In Guided Reading sessions, children will have the opportunity to explore traditional tales including Rapunzel, Cinderella and The Princess and the Pea. We will be making statements about the characters and recognising that different characters have different views. We will be sequencing stories, linking events and drawing on the vocabulary given by the teacher. We will also be exploring how verbs and adverbs help us explain how a character is feeling. Towards the end of the half term we will compare the traditional and fairy tales to Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes. The children will be working on self-correcting their reading and make inferences on the basis of what is being said and done.

#### RWI and Spelling

Children will be continuing RWI and following the RWI spelling programme. We are going to be focusing on reading with speed, accuracy and intonation. We will be encouraging the children to alter how they read depending on the punctuation and character. They will be reviewing their sounds and consolidating spelling words. The children will be given spellings to learn every week. They will have their spelling test each Monday.

#### Science

In Science, the children will be learning about everyday materials. They will be naming, describing and learning about the properties of different materials. We will look at everyday objects around the school and will be sorting them into groups. They will also be looking at how materials can change dependent on their environment. We will be carrying out lots of practical investigations.

## PE & Games

This term in PE children will be working on attack invasion and defence invasion games.

PE Kit Reminder: We strongly recommend that your child brings in their full PE kit on a Monday morning and leave it in school until Friday afternoon. This will reduce the number of occasions where children forget their PE kit for lessons. The children have PE on Thursdays.

## Music

In Year 2, we have a specialist music teacher, Mrs Rawlence. Children will develop a wider appreciation for music and musical styles.

## Computing

In Computing we will be learning about coding. They will be understanding and writing algorithms. They will understand that instructions have to be precise and they will learn about debugging.

## Geography

In Geography, children will be identifying human features of a city and identifying the physical features and landmarks of London using aerial photographs. They will devise a simple map of London and its landmarks and compare London to Sydney and Wolverton.

## RE

The children will learn be able to discuss own beliefs. They will understand the importance of the Torah to Jews. They will look at the story of the life of Moses. We will also be learning about the significance of the Ten Commandments and understand symbols related to Christmas.

## Design and Technology

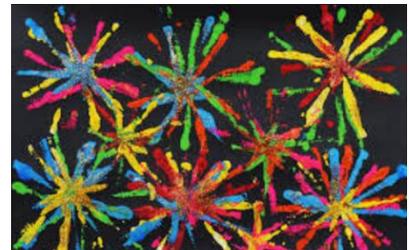
Children will design, create and evaluate existing chocolate and sweet food products. They will test a variety of products and then create their own chocolate bar based on the story Charlie and the Chocolate factory. They will discuss their likes and dislikes and talk about how their product could be improved.

## Home Learning

We ask that children read each day for 10 minutes. Each child in Year 2 will be issued with a level-appropriate reading book provided by school. It really helps their progress if they are heard regularly at home and we would ask you to sign their personal log each time you hear them. The children will be set a new spelling list once a week. Their new lists are to be stuck into their personal logs. They will be tested on their spellings in their sets each Monday. We find that a few minutes every day really helps the children to learn and remember their spelling patterns and rules.

## Assessment

As part of transition, and to help us best support your child, we will be asking your child to carry out some assessments. These will include maths, reading, grammar, spelling and writing assessments.



## Upcoming Events in Year 2

- 25th November– Individual school photos
- 1st December– Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime in school
- 16th December– Christmas jumper and lunch 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!

