



Viaduct Federation of Schools

FS1 Spring 1 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parent / Carer,

We are very pleased with how well the children have all settled into Wyvern Nursery. They have enjoyed exploring the different areas of learning during our choosing time. The children are getting use to the routines in school and are becoming more independent at finding their

belongings and putting on their coats. The children are beginning to make lovely friendships and have developed positive relationships with the adults. A big thank you to the children that started Nursery in September for helping our new children settle in so well. Our topic this half term is 'Winter', moving on to 'Traditional Tales.'

Foundation Stage

1 Teachers



Mrs Bennett- Head of FS & teacher of Dolphin class



Miss Sharp- FS1 Teacher

FS1 TAs – Mrs Collender Mrs Khurshid

Subject Overviews

Writing

This term we will continue to provide opportunities to develop fine and gross motor skills. There will be activities that will strengthen their muscles ready for writing. They will still have the opportunities to mark make using a wide range of media including crayons, paint, markers, pencils and through our messy play. We will be starting the Read, Write Inc phonics program with the children that are ready and starting to practise writing our names.

Reading

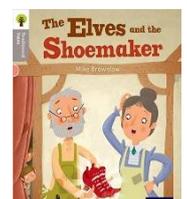
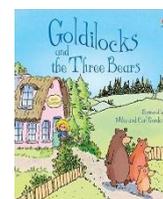
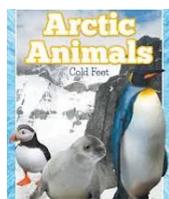
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Topic

Our topics this half term are Winter and Traditional Tales Through our Winter topic we will explore snow and ice and earn about animals that hibernate. We will the explore the celebration of 'Chinese New Year', finally moving on to explore a variety of Traditional Tales.



Personal Social and Emotional

The children will talk about how they feel in the cold and why we need to keep warm. They are learning how to take turns and share. The children will be encouraged to use their words to resolve conflicts. They will think about their feelings through stories.

Communication and Language

The children will be introduced to new words associated with cold and cold places. The children will begin to understand 'why' and 'how' questions in relation to our learning on Winter and Ice. They will describe ways they can keep warm. They will talk in simple sentences about different modes of travel and transport.

Physical Development

During their PE lessons, children will continue to explore gymnastics and making different shapes with their bodies. They will practise climbing over, under and through equipment, using benches and tunnels. Our weekly PE sessions will be linked to our topics. Children will also use movement and animal poses to develop their strength ready for writing.

Understanding the World

Children will learn about Winter and explore ice and snow. They will discover how ice melts. They will learn about animals that hibernate when it is cold. Children will think about what we need to wear when it is cold. In addition, children will have the chance to make ice. During our Travel and Transport topic we will explore different countries in the world. The children will learn about different modes of transport and why trains are important to Wolverton's history.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will explore our topics using a range of media such as paint, markers, and collage materials. They will develop their awareness of sounds made by various instruments by playing instruments alongside a story and making loud and quiet sounds. Children will be encouraged to retell Traditional Tales using props and small world resources.

Parent Reminder:

**Please put water in water bottles not juice.
Please label all clothing to help the children keep track of their belongings.**

Reading

Please practise with your child finding and recognising their name. Also please continue to share stories with your children at home. Ask the children to explain what has happened in the story. Encourage them to retell and story in their own language. Challenge them to predict the story ending, Here are some helpful questions to ask while you are sharing a story:

Where did the story take place?

What happened next? Who was in the story?

How did he/she feel?

What is your favourite part?

Can you tell me the story in your words?

Would you tell your friend to read this story? Why or why not?

Upcoming Events in Spring 1

- 4th January – Inset Day

BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE

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!

