



## Viaduct Federation of Schools

### FS1 Summer 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer

This will be the final term in Nursery for our September children. They have developed and matured so much during their time in Nursery. The children continue to astound us with their enthusiasm and love of learning. Our January children have settled well into routines and are now very involved in all aspects of Nursery. We welcome more new children this half term who I am sure will be welcomed by all the children.

### Foundation Stage 1 Teachers



Mrs Bennett- Head  
of FS  
& teacher of  
Dolphin class



Miss Sharp- FS1  
Teacher

FS1 TAs –  
Mrs Collender  
Mrs Khurshid  
Mrs Beale

### Subject Overviews

#### Writing

This term we will continue our learning in Read Write Inc lessons. Children will learn the sound of the letters and how to write them. Some children will begin to use their letter sounds to write simple three letter words. We will provide opportunities to develop fine and gross motor skills. There will be activities that will strengthen their muscles ready for writing. We will still have the opportunity to mark make using a wide range of media including crayons paint, markers, pencils and through our messy play. Children will be encouraged to write letters using the correct letter formation and the correct pencil grip.

#### Reading

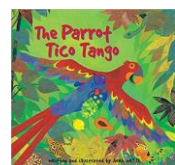
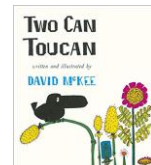
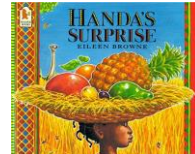
We will share stories related to our topic this half term. Some of the stories we will read together are Cinderella, Zog, Handa's Surprise, Two Can Toucan and Parrot Tico Tango. We will continue to develop our auditory memory skills which is an important pre-reading skill. We will play games and take part in activities that will help us develop these skills. Children will be re-telling and creating their own stories through role play and story props. Some children will begin to use their letter sounds to read simple three letter words.

#### Maths

In Maths, we will continue to develop our number skills by counting to 10 and focusing on numbers to 5 through learning to write them, using 1:1 correspondence to count objects from a larger amount, subitise with them and solve simple addition and subtraction up to 5. We will be exploring the names of 2D shapes and their properties and sequencing event in time order. We will also be exploring length and height and comparing different sized objects.

#### Topic

Our topic this term is 'Fantasy and Travel'. Through our stories, children will learn about fantasy lands and animals before moving on to explore stories about other countries. We will be exploring where the stories are set and looking at the different between the countries.



### **Personal Social and Emotional**

Children will develop an awareness of the feelings of others through stories and social situations. They are learning how to take turns and share, using words to sort out any issues. Children will be encouraging to share their point of views and begin to understand that people do not always have the same views. Children will develop an understanding of different communities around the world.

### **Communication and Language**

The children will be introduced to new words associated with our topic. We will encourage the children to join in with repeated refrains in our stories. We will ask how and why questions to encourage them to extend their sentences and come up with their own explanations. We will continue to build up our repertoire of songs through our music lessons and begin to understand longer instructions involving several steps.

### **Physical Development**

The children will be practising their movement and Gymnastic skills in PE lessons. We will be learning to jump in different ways (bunny hops, star jumps, frog jumps) as well as how to jump off equipment and land properly. Please make sure that the children are suitably dressed on their PE day (Monday) - e.g. girls wearing leggings or trousers.

### **Understanding the World**

To begin our topic, we will be exploring Princes and Princesses using the story of Cinderella, we will then move on to exploring fantasy stories using Zog. After this we will move on to learning about other cultures and countries through exploring the books Handa's Surprise which is set in Africa and Two Can Toucan and Parrot Tica Tango which are set in the Amazon. We will explore maps and globes to find Africa and the Amazon Rainforest. We will explore the animals that live in these regions as well as what life is like in these places through exploring stories and looking at photographs.

### **Expressive Arts and Design**

We will listen to stories and create our own stories using props. We will look at different ways to create patterns using a variety of media. We will continue to develop our drawing and painting skills by adding more detail and emotions into our pictures. Everyone will have access to a variety of materials to enable them to express themselves creatively using their own interests.

### **Parent Reminders:**

- **Please make sure that you label every item of clothing to help the children keep track of their belongings.**
- **Please put water in water bottles not juice.**
- **We are discouraging the children from bringing in toys from home and ask for your support with this please.**
- **Our PE sessions are Monday AM and PM. If your children are in nursery for these sessions, please make sure that you send them in with trainers on.**

#### **Upcoming Events in Summer 1**

- May Bank Holiday- no Nursery 2nd May 2022
- Queen's Jubilee- no Nursery 27th May 2022
- Half term week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> May and return to Nursery on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> June

**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!

