



Viaduct Federation of Schools
Reception Summer 1 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parent/Carer

We are so pleased with the fantastic learning in FS2 last term. The children are becoming excellent readers and writers. They have also learned many new skills in Maths. They are keen to explore our independent activities based around our topics and ask good questions. We are so proud of them for being eager to learn new skills. They are willing to have a go at activities they find more challenging. Great learning FS2!

Subject Overviews

**Foundation
 Stage 2
 Teachers**



Mrs Bennett- Head of FS & Dolphin Class



Mrs Lloyd– Seal Class



Mrs Roberts– Seal Class

Writing

Most children now know what makes a good sentence. They remember capital letters, finger spaces, and full stops in their own writing. Some children are writing sentences using connectives like 'and' and 'because'. Many children are using special friends like ch, th, sh, nk and ll in their own writing. This term we will practise writing lists, labelling pictures and writing simple recounts. Please keep practising your sentence writing at home and bring in your work to share.

Reading

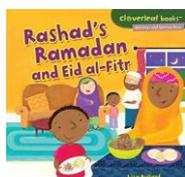
The children continue to make great progress in Read Write Inc. this term. Most children are reading sentences and HFW's. In addition, they can Fred talk longer words. We will continue to encourage the children to read sentences and explain what they are reading. This term we will read new stories together to introduce our new topics. We will make predictions about what will happen and make up our own story endings.

Maths

During these final two terms, the children will be consolidating their skills in working with numbers to 10. The children will be able to add and subtract two single-digit numbers and count on or back to find the answer. They will continue to practise recalling number bonds up to 10. They will continue to subitise numbers to 5 and recognise some number patterns like odd and even numbers. In addition, the children will continue exploring how to double and halve numbers. They will continue solving problems using their knowledge about number such as sharing.

Topic

This half term we will be learning about habitats through our Animals and Environment topic. We will be reading non-fiction books and will set up our own veterinary surgery. The children will think about how to look after animals. They will consider different habitats where animals may live. We will also learn about animals we find on the farm and visit a real working farm. The children will have a chance to write about their visit. In the final week, we will be looking at "The Bean Machine". Through this topic we will learn about recycling and other ways to look after our planet.





Mrs Kirk– Penguin Class



Miss R Arscott– Penguin Class



Miss E Arscott– Turtle Class

Personal Social and Emotional

The children will take greater ownership in their learning. They will talk about their ideas and will be able to choose the resources they might need for their chosen activities. They will understand that some behaviour is unacceptable. They will work co-operatively with others and show sensitivity to other's needs. The children will give focused attention to what the teacher says, responding appropriately even when engaged in activity, and show an ability to follow instructions involving several ideas or actions.

Communication and Language

Children will practise listening to stories and anticipate key events responding with relevant comments and questions. They will practise answering how and why questions in more depth and draw on their own experiences to formulate good answers. They will practise using future tense accurately when talking about events that will happen.

Physical development

At this stage in the year, we would like to see your child putting on their own shoes and zipping up their own coat. Please help your child to practise this at home if needed. The children will practise striking and fielding during PE sessions. Children will gain increasing control of objects using rackets and bats in different ways. We will continue to practise our pencil control especially using the correct letter formation and writing on the line when we are writing our sentences. We will think about how to make healthy choice around exercise and why this is important.

Music

This term will explore the music dimension of timbre, as we create different vocal and instrumental sounds related to the various activities within a day. We will also make and combine a variety of environmental sounds using recyclable materials. Pulse and tempo will be explored through a Jamaican folktale. We will learn about high and low sounds using pitched instruments and finally we will use a simple graphic score as we perform farm animal sounds.

Understanding the World

We will explore our sense of smell by trying to identify different smells in an investigation. We will also make money slime and investigate how to make pennies shiny. We will encourage the children to offer their own explanations as to how things work and why things happen in relation to recycling and how to look after our planet. The children are getting good at thinking like scientists by thinking by making predictions.

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 Expressive Art and Design

During our Animal topic children will role play looking after animals and research how to care for them. In role play, we will have a veterinary for the children to role play looking after animals. During "The Bean Machine" topic, we will design our own recycling machines. We will encourage children to think about their own designs and combine media in interesting ways.

Reading

Keep looking for red words as you read. Practise reading these words– they are all in your child’s reading record. Keep reading with your child and ask them to retell the story in their own words once they have read the story.

Writing

Continue to encourage children to write sentences at home remembering everything that makes a good sentence. Practise spelling high frequency words and writing words using the special friends you have learned in RWI.

Maths

Encourage children to double and halve numbers to 10 and find one more and one less than a given number. Can they solve addition and subtraction problems using their fingers or objects or by counting on or backwards?

Farm—Create a book with Facts about farm animals. Draw a picture of a farm animal and write a story about your animal.

The Bean Machine- Draw and label a picture of a machine you would make to recycle something we use.

Look up information about other ways to look after our planet using ICT or books and record what you find out?

Children are encouraged to complete their homework because it reinforces the learning which takes place in school and is another opportunity to practise. Remember to send us pictures of your home learning on ILD.

Upcoming Events in Summer 1

- Mead Open Farm FS2 Trip - 17th May 2022
- May Bank Holiday- No school 2nd May 2022
- Queen’s Jubilee- No School 27th May 2022
- Half term week commencing 30th May and return to school on Tuesday, 6th June

Parent Reminder. Please ensure your child brings in their PE kit the first day of term with labelled clothing. **FS2 have PE every Wednesday.**

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!

