



Dear Parent/Carer

We are so impressed with how much the children have learnt this year! We have been pleased to welcome the new children starting at Easter into Nursery. Many of the children are getting ready to go to FS2 in September. We are helping them to be ready for this big step by practising writing their name and going to the toilet all by themselves. This term, we look forward to our trip to Bushfield where we will do a treasure hunt and meet some different types of birds during our pirate topic.

## Foundation Stage 1 Teachers



Mrs Bennett- Head of FS  
& teacher of Dolphin  
class



Miss Sharp-  
FS1 Teacher

FS1 TAs  
Mrs Beale  
Mrs Collender  
Mrs Khurshid  
Mrs Seemarks  
Mrs Smith

## Subject Overviews

### Writing

This term we are continuing Read, Write, Inc sessions. Children will review the letter sounds and practise writing them. We will practise hearing initial sounds and segmenting words to hear all the letter sounds. We will have the opportunity to mark make using a wide range of media including crayons, paint, markers, pencils and through our messy play. We will link our mark making to our topics. Some children will practise their pencil grip and writing their names, especially those going to FS2 in September. Children will be encouraged to write letters using the correct letter formation.

### Reading

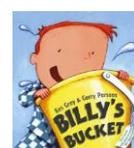
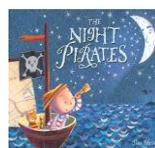
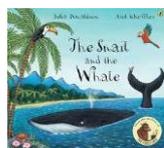
We will share stories and poems related to our topics this half term. During our pirate topic, some of the stories we will read together include 'The Pirates Next Door' and 'The Night Pirates'. We will then read stories about the Seaside such as 'The Snail and the Whale', 'Commotion in the Ocean', and 'Billy's Bucket'. Children will practise oral blending and auditory memory activities to get them ready for reading in FS2. We will have many chances to share a wide range of stories together this half term. The children are getting good at answering questions about the stories we have read. Please keep practising this skill at home to help them with their learning.

### Maths

We will continue to develop our number skills by recognising, writing and matching numerals to quantities. We will develop our simple problem-solving skills using addition and subtraction. We will explore a variety of ways we can measure including by height, length, capacity and weight. We will compare items by size, weight and capacity. We will use mathematical language to describe objects using words like bigger or smaller, heavier or lighter and full or empty. The children will follow and give instructions using positional language.

### Topic

Our topic this term is 'Pirates and Seaside' the children will be introduced to new vocabulary related to our topic. We will explore the oceans of the world and animals that live in the oceans. We will make treasure maps and will be going on treasure hunts to find buried treasure on our trip to Bushfield. On this day we will also meet some different birds and watch them in flight.



## Subject Overviews continued

### **Personal Social and Emotional**

The children will develop an awareness of the feelings of others through stories. They are continuing to learn how to take turns and share resources and activities. The children will know how to resolve conflicts through talking and know how to be appropriately assertive with the support of adults.

### **Communication and Language**

The children will be introduced to new words linked to our learning. We will encourage the children to join in with repeated refrains during story sessions. We will ask how and why questions to encourage them to extend their sentences and come up with their own explanations. The children will continue to develop their prepositional language skills by following instruction on where to put objects as well as explaining where objects are.

### **Physical Development**

Children will practise their sports days activities and team games in their PE lessons. They will practise throwing and catching a ball and turn taking. We will also practise our balancing skills through balancing ourselves in different ways and balancing objects on ourselves. Please make sure that the children are suitably dressed on their PE day—Monday am and pm.

### **Understanding the World**

The children will learn about the oceans in the world and the animals that live in the oceans. We will think about how we can keep our oceans and ocean animals safe. We will continue to develop our computing skills by programming the Beebots accurately to find the buried treasure and using the iPad's to play educational games.

### **Expressive Arts and Design**

We will listen to storytelling and create our own stories using props. We will continue to explore musical instruments and how we can change the sounds that they make. We will also explore adding movements in response to the music we make. Children will have access to a wide range of art and craft materials to develop their ideas and skills in art and design.

### ***Parent Reminder:***

- We would discourage the children from bringing in toys from home and ask for your support with this please.
- Now that the weather is getting warmer, please apply sun cream every day as we are unable to apply it.
- Please send your child in with a labelled sunhat and water bottle.

**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 wearing trainers.**

## Upcoming Events in Summer 2

- Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> June – School Photos
- Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> June - Transition Day
- Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> July - Bushfield School Trip
- Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Day
- Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> July Last day of term
- Children return to school on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> September for the new school year

## 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!

