



Viaduct Federation of Schools

Reception Summer 2 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parent/Carer

We have had an excellent year in FS2. Last half term we had so much fun on our Farm Trip. The children have impressed us with how much they have learned in such a short time. Many are confident readers and writers. They can apply the skills they have learned in our daily Read Write Inc session in their own reading and writing. The children have learned how to find answers when faced with challenges in Maths. They are getting great at giving explanations for how they solve mathematical problems. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting last half term FS2.

Foundation

Subject Overviews

Stage 2 Teachers



Mrs Bennett
Head of FS
& Dolphin Class



Mrs Lloyd
Seal Class



Mrs Roberts
Seal Class

Writing

Children have practised writing for different purposes. They have become confident at writing lists and sentences. We will also continue to practise sentence writing using our topics 'Supertato' and 'Aliens Love Underpants' as a stimulus for our exciting writing. We will design a trap to catch Evil Pea and describe to the police the 'crime scene' when the aliens land on our playground. We are sure the children will have lots of great ideas. The children have enjoyed practising their writing at home as well as school, keep up the good work!

Reading

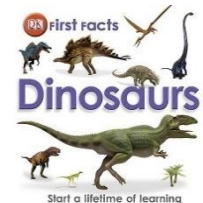
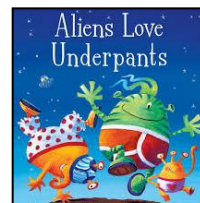
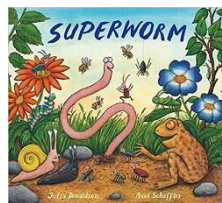
The children have become confident readers and can now recognise and read many red, alien and green words. We have been practising decoding 2 syllable words by breaking the word in half. Many children can talk about what they have read and answer questions related to the story. They enjoy reading a range of texts and are generally excited about reading and listening to stories!

Maths

During this last term, the children will be consolidating their learning of addition, subtraction, number doubles, halving and odds and evens. They will use a range of strategies to solve these problems, including counting on and back to find the answer. The children will have many opportunities to carry out practical activities to help solve number problems. They will also continue to develop quick recall of number facts such as number bonds up to 10 to explain how they can work out an answer without using a practical method. We will revisit 2D and 3D shape alongside Spatial awareness and we will introduce the children to recognising 'o clock' times and coins before they enter Year 1.

Topic

This half term we will use our imaginations during our fantasy topic. We will read 'Supertato', 'Superworm', and 'Aliens Love Underpants' and do related activities through our choosing time. We will make and design our own Super vegetables. We will also design and make a trap for Evil Pea in "Supertato". Through the story "Aliens Love Underpants" we will learn about space and design our own space creature. We will think of its features and what it needs to survive. We will also learn about Dinosaurs looking at their features and habitat. There are lots of interesting things to learn about! We will finish with a week of 'Transition' ready for our exciting move up to Year 1.



Subject Overviews continued



Mrs Kirk
Penguin Class



Miss R Arscott-
Penguin Class



Miss E Arscott
Turtle Class

Personal Social and Emotional

The children will be encouraged to speak to the whole class about their own ideas in relation to our topics and share their explanations for why things happen. During our circle time we will talk about what they have enjoyed learning this year and what they are looking forward to in Year One. The children will all have an opportunity to spend most of a day in their new classes learning with their new class teacher. We are sure you will agree that they should be very proud of all they have achieved this year.

Communication and Language

This half term the children will recount their experiences and imagine possibilities. We will support them to use a range of vocabulary in imaginative ways. We will use language for a variety of purposes including adding information, expressing ideas or explaining actions or events. Then they will be able to express their own views in comparisons to that of their peers. These activities will help them appreciate that we are all different and how we can still come to some agreement.

Physical development

As we are nearly at the end of Reception, we would like to see your child put their own shoes on and zip their own coat up independently ready for transition into Year One. In PE we will be getting ready for our sports day by practising the activities we will take part in during the day. We have been working very hard on our handwriting during weekly sessions. We are now able to form most of our letters correctly and are able to write on the lines. Our teachers are very pleased with our writing, and this will give us a great start ready for Year One in September.

Music

This term we will explore the musical dimension of timbre (quality of a sound) by listening to and performing sounds associated with the seaside as well as sounds related to cake making. We will also explore the structure of cumulative and call and response songs. Joining in with the topic of dinosaurs, we will explore the dimensions of pulse and rhythm graphic score as we perform farm animal sounds.

Understanding the World

The children will learn about healthy eating during our Supertato topic. They will make healthy pizzas. They will make alien slime during our "Aliens love Underpants" topic. Through our Dinosaurs topic children will learn the names of and facts about different dinosaurs. They will talk about what they eat, and where they lived. Children will develop dinosaur fact files based on what they learn from our research. They will think about why dinosaurs are extinct and learn some of the theories to explain this.

ICT

Children are able to explain why we use different ICT. They enjoy exploring the I pads and they are able to use certain apps independently. If you haven't signed up to the Interactive Learning Dairy app (ILD) please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

Expressive Arts and Expressive Art and Design

Children will combine media through their artwork. They will design and make a vegetable superhero and aliens. Through our topics they will experiment with role playing in our superhero headquarters and an alien space station. They will use their own ideas to develop their own narratives.

Parent Reminder:

Please ensure your child brings in their PE kit the first day of term with labelled clothing.

FS2 have PE every Wednesday.

Home Learning Summer 2

Reading

Encourage your child to continue reading at home. Practise Fred in your head (sight reading) with easier words. Remember to spot special friends, break down longer words to decode them, and check it they aren't sure what a word means.

Writing

Continue practising your spellings at home every week. Try writing more than one sentence and even challenge yourself to write a story with a beginning, middle and end.

Maths

Encourage children to double and share quantities with numbers to 10. Ask them to recall number bonds up to 10. Can they solve addition and subtraction problems using their fingers or objects or by counting on or backwards?

Topic

Supertato— create you own super vegetable out of real vegetables. Write a story about your super vegetable's adventures

Aliens Love Underpants - make up your own alien number problems. Can you use ICT to find out about other planets? What planet do you think the aliens live on? Why?

Dinosaurs—create a book with facts about dinosaurs. Draw a picture of a dinosaur and write a story about your dinosaur.

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 child's home learning on ILD.

Upcoming Events in Summer 2

- Thursday, 9th June - School Photos
- Tuesday, 28th June -Transition Day
- Wednesday, 13th July - Sports Day
- Wednesday, 20th July - School Disco (during school time)
- Tuesday 21st July – Last Day of Term
- Children return to school on Monday, 5th September for the new school year

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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!

