



Viaduct Federation of Schools

Year 2 Summer 2 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the second summer half term! The children worked extremely hard last half term. Their new topic is called Nature Detectives. They will be learning lots of new skills - creating natural 2D and 3D sculptures in art and creating maps of Wyvern School using a compass. We will also be transitioning the children into Year 3. We are looking forward to celebrating their time at Wyvern with a celebration event.



Subject Overviews

Your Year 2
teachers



Miss Meek
Head of Year 2 &
Elephant Class



Miss Rowson
Zebra Class



Mrs Rawlence
Zebra Class



Miss Saunders
Giraffe Class

English

They will start the year by reading Antony Browne's Hansel and Gretel. Children will write character and setting descriptions. They will also be writing a diary based on the Gingerbread Man. We will be comparing retold fairy tales to traditional fairy tales. We will be reading The Jolly Postman and looking at emotive language when we write our own postcards. They will be bringing together all of the skills that they have learnt in Year 2 and applying these to different genres of writing. We will also be practising our joined up handwriting.

Maths

We will be starting with solving reasoning, addition and subtraction questions. Moving on, we will be solving multiplication and division word problems. We will also be learning about adding and subtracting three digit numbers and making sure that the children are secure with place value as well as learning about position.

Guided Reading

In Guided Reading we will be continuing to read longer texts including Guard Dog and George's Marvellous Medicine. We will be comparing stories and justifying our views. We will have class discussions where we can share ideas and answer inference questions. We will be using extracts of texts to make predictions. We will also be practising our pace and fluency of reading and rereading texts to ensure that we have an understanding of a story.

RWI and Spelling

Children will be continuing RWI and following the RWI spelling programme. We are going to be focusing on answering SAT style reading comprehension questions and using our inference skills. The children will be given spellings to learn every week and they will have their spelling test each Monday. They will be focusing on words that use all of the Year 2 spelling rules. We will be practising homophones and prefixes.

Science

In Science we will be identifying that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describing how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants. We will also be learning how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name different sources of food. We will be planning and executing an experiment that is a fair test. We will record the results and share our findings.

PE & Games

This term in PE children will be continuing their athletic skills. These will include taking part in sprinting, long distance running, throwing and jumping activities. They will be performing individually and in teams.

Music

The focus in music will be on animals. We will be learning 'The Lion Sleeps Tonight'. They will be performing actions in time to the beat of this song. We will also be learning 'In the Jungle'. The children will copy changes in the pitch of animal sounds using voices. They will then demonstrate the changes in pitch with body movement.

Topic

In geography we will be looking at how seasons affect the school day at Wyvern. We will be using a trundle wheel to measure the Wyvern site and then create a map using compass points. We will be using geographical vocabulary to explain why Wyvern is a good site for a school.

RE

In RE we will be looking at special religious places. We will be learning about a Synagogue and how Jewish people pray. We will also look at how the Torah can influence Jewish religious teachings. We will be hearing the stories about Noah, David and Goliath.

Computing

In computing we will be creating a fact file. First the children will understand the features that need to be included in a fact file. They will be searching, copying and pasting information. They will be inserting and editing text and learning how to save their work.

Art

We will be learning about the artist Andy Goldsworthy and his work. We will be creating our own 2D and 3D sculptures individually and in teams. We will be creating our designs using a variety of materials. We will then evaluate our designs.

Home Learning

We ask that children read each day for 10 minutes. Each child in Year 2 will be issued with a level appropriate reading book. It really helps their progress if they are heard regularly at home and we would ask you to sign their personal log each time you hear them. Spellings will be taught in class sets. The children will be set a new spelling list once a week. Their new lists should be stuck into their personal logs. They will be tested on their spellings, in their sets, each Monday. We find that a few minutes every day really helps the children to learn and remember their spelling patterns and rules. There will be a piece of maths learning given out once a week. This is not compulsory but will help the children practise the skills they have been learning in class.

Assessment

As part of transition, and to help us best support your child, we will be asking your child to carry out some assessments. These will include maths, reading, grammar, spelling and writing assessments.

Upcoming Events in Year 2

- Thursday, 9th June - School Photos
- Thursday, 23rd June - Music Festival at the Ridgeway Centre
- Monday, 27th June - Dentist visiting to speak to Year 2
- Tuesday, 28th June - Transition morning
- Wednesday, 13th July - Sports Day
- Monday, 18th July (morning) – Kingston Climbing Trip (Elephant Class)
- Tuesday, 19th July (morning) – Kingston Climbing Trip (Giraffe Class)
- Tuesday, 19th July (afternoon) - Leaver's Assembly
- Wednesday, 20th July (morning) – Kingston Climbing Trip (Zebra Class)
- Wednesday, 20th July - Leaver's Disco (during the school day in the afternoon)
- Thursday, 21st July - Last day of Term

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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!

