



Viaduct Federation of Schools

FS1 Autumn 1 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parent / Carer

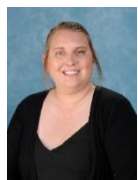
We are looking forward to welcoming back our Nursery children who have been with us since before the Summer holidays and are looking forward to helping the new children settle into Wyvern Nursery. This term we will concentrate on helping children become more independent when their adults drops them off at Nursery. There are so many fun activities to try and we will help children explore all areas of the Nursery with confidence. The children are getting used to the routines in school and are getting to know the adults and children well. If you have any questions about how your child is settling in please do not hesitate to speak you your child's key worker. Our topics this half term are **'All about Me'** and **'People Who Help Us'**.

Foundation Stage 1

Teachers



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Parrot and Toucan
Teacher



Mrs Collender
FS1 TA



Mrs Beale
FS1 TA



Mrs Khurshid
FS1 TA

Subject Overviews

Writing

There will be activities during our independent learning that will strengthen the children's muscles ready for writing. We will have the opportunity to mark make using a wide range of media including crayons, paint, markers, pencils and through messy play. The children will begin to recognise that print carries meaning through looking at books and seeing writing around the Nursery. Adults will model how to use a pencil or pen to write and children will be working on how to hold a pen or pencil correctly.

Reading

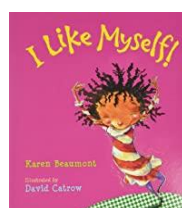
The children will learn Nursery Rhymes and will be encouraged to join in. Children will explore and listen for rhyming words. They will develop their listening skills as we share lots of books. Some of the stories we will read together for our topic this term are 'I Like Myself', 'We Are All Different' and 'It's Amazing' and 'Colour Monster'. We will have lots of activities during our independent learning related to these stories so that children can explore the topics creatively through their play. At the end of each session we will have story and singing time before home time.

Maths

The children will learn to sing lots of different number songs involving counting forwards and backwards. We will focus on sorting and grouping objects by size, colour or shape. Following on from this we will focus on copying and extending simple patterns.

Topic

Our topic this half term is 'All About Me'. Through our All About Me topic, we will talk about what we like about ourselves, what we are good at and our families. We will explore Wolverton and where we live.



Personal Social and Emotional

Children new to Nursery will focus on settling in this half term. We will be working towards leaving our parents/ carers in the morning with a smile. The children are learning many new routines and rules in school - luckily we have some children from last term to help show them what needs to happen next. We are making lots of new friends and becoming more confident at saying what we need.

Communication and Language

The children will practise listening attentively in a variety of situations. This will be through listening to stories and poems. They will practise joining in with familiar and repeated expressions in these stories. They will begin to communicate their needs appropriately including talking about their likes and dislikes. Adults will model speaking in full sentences and will encourage the children to use new vocabulary. We will encourage the children to use words to explain to others what they want or need.

Physical Development

Children will be able to explore the outside area in Nursery where they can use the bikes, balls, balancing equipment as well as our large-scale building blocks. During the children's PE lessons they will also experiment with moving in different ways – crawling, slithering, running, jumping, and hopping. We will encourage the children to become more independent in going to the toilet and putting on their own coats. Please ask the children to show you how they can do things all by themselves when they are at home. They will have many opportunities to develop their fine motor skills for example through threading, using tweezers, playing with play dough and mark making.

Understanding the World

The children will explore the similarities and differences between themselves and their families. We will encourage them to talk about how they are the same and different to others in their family. We will be exploring simple routes that the children take like getting to school or to various places in Wolverton.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will listen to storytelling and create our own stories using props. We will experiment with paint using different paint brushes, sponges and printing material as well as learning to mix colours to create new colours. The children have free access to a variety of paper, art materials, collage materials to create their own pictures. We will sing lots of Nursery Rhymes and simple songs. The children will have the opportunity to explore various construction materials to build models as well as using junk modelling to create different creations.

Parent/Carer Reminder: Please put water in water bottles not juice.

Please make sure that you label every item of clothing to help the children keep track of their belongings.

Please remind your child to change their story book once it is read and have fun reading a range of stories at home.

Encourage children to sing you some of our counting song we have been learning.

Upcoming Events in Autumn 1

- Monday, 19th September – School closed for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth’s funeral
- Parent’s Consultation Evenings - 28th September and 29th September

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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!

