



# Viaduct Federation of Schools



## Nursery (FS1) Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn 2

Dear Parent / Carer

We are very pleased with how well the children have settled into Wyvern Nursery. They have enjoyed exploring the different areas of learning during our choosing time. The children are getting used to the routines in school and are becoming more independent at finding their belongings and washing their hands. They are beginning to make lovely friendships and have developed positive relationships with the adults. Our topics this half term are Celebrations, Being Healthy and People Who Help Us.

### Foundation Stage 1

#### Teachers



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Head of Nursery  
Parrot and Toucan  
Teacher



Mrs Collender  
FS1 TA



Mrs Beale  
FS1 TA



Mrs Khurshid  
FS1 TA

### Subject Overviews

#### Writing

The children will take part in opportunities to develop their fine and gross motor skills. There will be activities during our independent learning that will strengthen their 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 our messy play. We will be learning to hold pens/pencils correctly by using our nip, flip and grip technique.

#### Reading

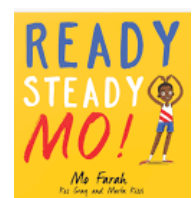
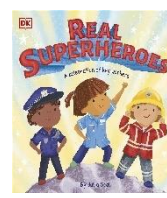
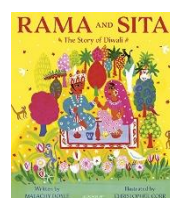
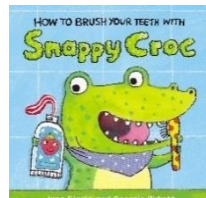
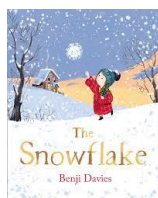
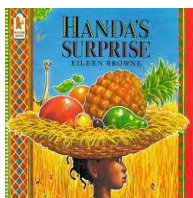
We will share many stories related to our topic this half term. Some of the stories we will read together are The Story of Rama and Sita, Oliver's Vegetables, Ready Steady Mo, and We're Going on a Leaf Hunt. Through our stories, children will learn new vocabulary associated with our topic. We will be talking about the features of books, from the front cover to the author and illustrator. In phonics we will be focusing on hearing rhyming words, alliteration and clapping our syllables in words.

#### Maths

In Maths we will practise orally counting forwards and backwards to 10. We will count out objects trying really hard to use one to one correspondence. We will focus on language of more and fewer to compare quantities as well as focusing on language of size.

#### Topic

Our topics this half term are Celebrations, Being Healthy and People who help us. Through these topics we will be learning about different celebrations people celebrate, how to keep healthy and the different people that help us. We will learn about how people celebrate Diwali and we will develop our vocabulary around this celebration! Through our role play, we will get a chance to pretend to be chef's in our healthy café, explore the story of Rama and Sita as well as serve customer in our fruit and veg shop. Our role play area will also be turned into a doctor's surgery where the children can take on various roles.



### **Personal Social and Emotional**

The children will become more independent within Nursery, selecting resources and activities of their choosing. The children will continue to develop their friendships by engaging in activities together. The children will continue to talk about how their actions and words can affect others. They are learning how to take turns and share, using their words to sort out problems.

### **Communication and Language**

The children will be introduced to new words associated with celebrations, healthy eating and the people who help us. They will begin to talk about how they celebrate different celebrations at home and recall significant events from their lives. We will also be discussing how to keep our bodies and teeth healthy. Adults will model speaking in full sentences and will encourage the children to use new vocabulary. We will also encourage the children to use words to explain to others what they want or need.

### **Physical Development**

In PE lessons (Monday's and Friday's) the PE team will be teaching the children health related fitness. The children will learn to move in a variety of different ways, follow instructions and develop their hand eye coordination. Children will continue to develop their fine motor skills in holding pens and pencils correctly using our nip, flip and grip technique as well as using scissors correctly.

### **Understanding the World**

Children will explore Diwali and Being Healthy. They will discover what people do to celebrate different occasions including Diwali. They will begin to name the items associated with Diwali and how it is celebrated. We will explore the signs of Autumn by going on an Autumn walk around the school. Within our topic on healthy eating we will explore different food groups saying if they are healthy or not healthy. We will learn about the importance of a healthy diet and the effect exercise has on our body. We will also learn the importance of keeping our teeth healthy.

### **Expressive Arts and Design**

We will listen to storytelling and create our own stories using props. The children will role play different scenarios using what they have learned and their own experiences to develop their own narratives. They will explore our topics using a range of media such as paint, markers, and collage materials. In our music lesson we will explore different instruments and the different ways we can play them.

### ***Parent Reminders:***

- **Please put water in water bottles not juice.**
- **Please label all clothing to help the children keep track of their belongings.**

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**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.**

### **Reading**

Please continue to share stories with your children at home. Ask the children to explain what has happened in the story. Encourage them to retell and story in their own language.

## Upcoming Events in Autumn 2

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- 16th November – 9am-10am School Open Morning
- 16<sup>th</sup> November – 4.30pm-5.30pm School Open Evening
- 18<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need
- 24<sup>th</sup> November - School photos
- 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> December - School Nativity
- 15<sup>th</sup> Christmas jumper and Christmas lunch day

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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!

