



Viaduct Federation of Schools



Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn 2

Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome back to Wyvern and to a brand-new half term. We have an exciting second part of the Autumn Term planned for Year 1. Our theme this term will be 'Space'. As part of our topic we have booked mobile planetarium to come into school, which promises to be an amazing insight into The Solar System. We are so excited to see the children's reaction to this.

Subject Overview

English

Year 1 will be focusing on our topic 'Space', writing narratives based on the text 'The Way Back Home'. We will continue focusing on speaking and listening, using 'and' to join words as well as making nouns interesting by using adjectives. The children will then be producing a piece of non-fiction writing based on 'Ice Planets'. The children will be looking at the features of a report and writing sentences with capital letters and full stops.

Maths

As part of our place value learning we will now start looking at place value of numbers up to the value of 50. We will be writing numbers to 50 and ordering and comparing 2-digit numbers. As part of our measures learning we will focus on solving problems involving length, we will continue to focus on explaining our thinking using appropriate vocabulary. We will also start to record measures using non-standard units and then move to standard units such as cm and metres. This learning is very practical and a fun hands-on learning experience which you could reinforce with your children at home by getting them to guess 'who is the tallest?' The children will be recognising and naming three-dimensional shapes, looking at their properties and identifying them in different orientations and sizes. We will also be looking at multiplication and division as the term continues. We will use stories, pictures and concrete manipulatives to explore making equal groups.

Reading and Spelling

Children will be continuing RWI which they are familiar with from Reception (FS2). They will be reviewing their set 1 special friends and begin to confidently use their set 2 sounds when segmenting and blending. They will have two daily sessions which will consist of daily reading and spelling of words. During their daily Guided Reading session, children will have the opportunity to read, share, discuss and respond to a core text. Children should read their book twice before changing it. Spelling tests are on a Monday. We ask that children read each day for 10 minutes. Each child in Year 1 will be issued with a level-appropriate reading book provided by school. It really helps their progress if they are heard read regularly at home, and we would be grateful if you could sign their Personal Log each time you hear them.

Science

In Science, we will be working on improving our investigation skills on materials - we will identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock. We will distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made. Then we will complete an assortment of experiments and perform simple tests using everyday materials and describe simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials. At the end of the topic, we will identify opaque and transparent materials.



History

In History, we are going to be developing an awareness of the lives of significant individuals in the past. These will include Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong.

Computing

In Computing, the children will get to know what personal information is and be able to give an example and be aware of who they can and cannot share personal information with. We will be able to identify when someone is unsafely sharing personal information and create our own safe personal profile to share with the class. We will end the unit by discussing and understanding that people are not always who they say they are online.

DT

This half term we will be making 'Space buggies'. We will start by investigating different vehicles by looking at how they move. We will learn about wheels, chassis and axels then make our own mock ups. We will then design and make our own moving space buggy.

R.E

In Religious Education we will be learning about Christianity and what it means to 'Believe'. We will be discussing what our own beliefs are and we will start to discuss key parts to the Christian church. The children will be listening to stories from the Bible. They will learn about the visitors, Christians believe, came to see Jesus when he was born and then through-out his life.

PE

In PE the children will be participating in badminton and outside they will be learning how to play invasion games.

The children have PE on a **Tuesday**—please can you make sure the children have a warm PE kit which includes tracksuit bottoms and a jumper as the weather is starting to get chilly!

Music

In Year 1 we have a specialist music lead, Mrs Rawlence, who works with the children once a week to develop a wider appreciation for music and musical styles. This term the focus is on music about 'Space'.

Upcoming Events in Year 1

- 18th November - Children in Need
- 24th November - School photos
- 9th December - Planetarium
- 12th-14th December– Nativity production
- 15th December– Christmas jumper and 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!

