



Viaduct Federation of Schools



Year 1 Spring 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer

Happy New Year!

We hope you had a relaxing break over the Christmas period. Last term the children enjoyed the Planetarium visit! We have an exciting first half to the Spring term planned for Year 1. Our theme this term will be 'Toys'.

Year 1 Teachers



Miss Meek –
Head of Year 1 & 2



Mrs Giles- Leopard class



Miss Taylor- Leopard class



Mrs King- Lion class



Mrs Meek- Lion class



Miss Arscott- Panther Class



Miss Smietana- Tiger Class

Subject Overview

English

This half-term we will be focusing on 'Pinocchio' and writing an adventure story. The children will be using adjectives, verbs, and time adverbials to create sentences that have capital letters and full stops. The children will then move on to a non-fiction unit where they will be writing a report about Toys from the Past. They will be using the features of a non-chronological report which will include headings, sub-headings, and facts.

Maths

In maths we will be starting with place value up to 50. We will look at different representations of numbers and how many tens and ones make up a number. We will then review subtraction and addition. The children will represent and use number bonds and related subtraction facts within 20.

The children will then recognise and name common 2-D and 3-D shapes, look at properties of 3D shapes (faces, edges, vertices) and then discuss different ways to sort 3D shapes. The children will count in multiples of 2's, 5's and 10's.

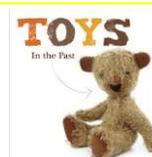
They will solve one-step problems involving multiplication, by calculating the answer using concrete objects, pictorial representations and arrays with the support of the teacher. The children will solve one-step problems involving division, by calculating the answer using concrete objects, pictorial representations and arrays with the support of the teacher. When learning time, the children will tell the time to the hour and half past the hour and draw the hands on a clock face to show these times. After we will then move on to 'Capacity'. The children will compare, describe and solve practical problems for: capacity and volume [for example, full/empty, more than, less than, half, half full, quarter.

RWI and Guided Reading

The children will be reviewing their sounds and learning new ones that they may have not come across before. They will have a daily session which will consist of daily reading and writing of words. During their daily Guided Reading session, children will have the opportunity to read, share, discuss and respond to a core text. We will be sharing traditional tales and poetry based on toys. The children will be recognising patterns in texts. With support they will be able to justify their views about texts they have had read to them

Science

This half term we will be concentrating on scientific skills. The children will explore and experiment with a wide variety of materials. They will perform simple tests and communicate their findings in a range of ways. Children decide on which materials are best to create the most effective earmuffs. They will look at absorbent and waterproof materials.



History

In History, the children will learn about popular toys through different periods of time. They will compare toys that were made in different time periods and identify similarities and difference between toys from two different time periods. They will look at Toy Story and Winnie the Pooh. Throughout the unit, the children will develop a range of historical skills such as: asking and answering questions, identifying, and interpreting different sources and recognising change and exploring how this influences them today.

Design Technology

In DT we will be creating a 'Teddy Bears Picnic'. The children will learn about where food comes from then design, source, create and evaluate their own no bake biscuit and fruit skewer.

Computing

In Computing lessons, the children will be exploring the world of digital art and its exciting range of creative tools. We will be empowering them to create their own paintings, while getting inspiration from a range of other artists. We will then conclude by asking them to consider their preferences when painting with, and without, the use of digital devices

PSHE

This unit will be focusing on Relationships. They will be able to identify their special people and what makes them special. They will also identify different relationships that they have and why these are important. They will be developing positive relationships during work and play.

PE & Games

For the whole of Spring Term staff from Bushfield will be delivering PE and Games for the Year One children. In PE the children will be focusing on 'dance' and in Games they will be looking at 'invasion games'. The children will have PE on a **Tuesday**.

PE Kit Reminder

Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school ready for Tuesday. As the weather is still chilly, please make sure your child has warm clothing such as jogging bottoms and a zip hoodie/long sleeved top.

Music

Using the theme of toys and machines, the children will explore beat through using movement, body percussion and instruments. They will combine a steady beat with word rhythms and explore changes in tempo/speed.



Home Learning

Reading'

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 regularly at home and we would be grateful if you could sign their Personal Log each time you hear them. They can change their book when they have read it twice.

Spelling

The children will be set a new spelling list once a week. Their new lists will be stuck into their reading records. The children will be tested on their spellings on a Monday.

We find that a few minutes practise every day really helps the children to learn and remember their spelling patterns and rules.



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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!

