



Viaduct Federation of Schools

FS1 Spring 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer

We are very pleased with how well the children are exploring and learning in Nursery. They are enthusiastic about the activities we provide but, more importantly, they are beginning to come up with their own ideas to enhance their learning. Our September intake have really welcomed and supported the new children who started in January which has been a pleasure to see. Our topic this half term is 'Growing'.

Foundation Stage 1

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Subject Overviews

Writing

We will provide opportunities to develop fine and gross motor skills. There will be activities that will strengthen children's muscles ready for writing. We will be focusing on holding writing equipment correctly using our nip, flip and grip technique. We will practise sitting smartly and have the opportunity to mark make using a wide range of media including crayons, paint, markers, pencils and through our messy play. Lots of the children have started to show an interest in writing their own names so we have a set up a 'Name Station' so that the children can practise whenever they like.

Reading

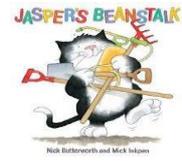
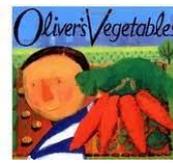
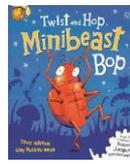
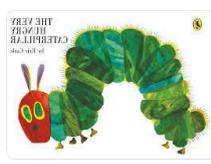
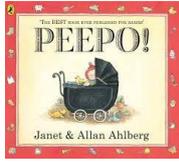
We will share stories related to our topic this half term. Some of the stories we will read together are Peepo, Once they were Giants, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Twist and Hop, Minibeast Bop, Oliver's Vegetables, and Jasper's Beanstalk. We will continue to develop our auditory memory skills which is an important pre-reading skill. We will also be continuing our environmental phonics learning where we will listen to familiar sounds around us, create sounds using instruments and our voices, and start to identify the initial sounds in words. Children will be encouraged to retell the traditional tales that we have been learning. Children will re-tell and create their own stories through role play and story props.

Maths

In Maths, we will continue to practise counting numbers 0-10 and explore numbers to 5 through their different representations, 1:1 correspondence and subitising. We will compare numbers to 5 saying which has more or less when looking at quantities. We will start to look at writing numbers to 5 and solving real world maths problems with numbers to 5.

Topic

Our topic this half term is 'Growing'. Through stories and rhymes, we will explore lots of things that grow. We will be looking at life cycles of living things and making comparisons with ourselves. In the outside area we will be growing lots of vegetables and herbs to explore how plants grow and what they need to grow.



Personal Social and Emotional

Children will develop an awareness of feelings of others through stories. They will continue to make good friendships. We are still practising how to take turns and share, using words to sort out any issues. The children are becoming confident to talk about their own ideas and share these with their peers. We will be ensuring we look after and care for the plants and vegetables we plant, which will develop our sense of responsibility.

Communication and Language

The children will be introduced to new words associated through our stories and topic. We will encourage the children to join in with familiar stories at story time. We will ask how and why questions to encourage them to extend their sentences and come up with their own explanations. We will continue to build up our repertoire of songs, stories and rhymes. We will continue to develop our talk to organise our play especially in the small world and role play area.

Physical Development

In our PE lessons, the children will continue to develop their movement skills by practising moving in different ways (crawling, slithering, jumping, skipping etc). We will continue to develop climbing, catching and kicking skills through continuous provision. Please make sure that the children are suitably dressed on their PE day on Monday e.g. girls wearing leggings or trousers. The children will continue to practise their mark making, gross and fine motor skills through continuous provision.

Understanding the World

Children will continue to use their senses to explore the world around them including planting seeds and looking after our plants. Children will continue to develop their vocabulary to describe the world around them. Children will begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things. We will explore the life cycles of various animals and plants and take part in investigations on how plants grow. Children will explore using technology by using the Beebots to programme simple algorithms and use the interactive board to access different programmes.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will listen to stories and develop our imaginative play around these, we will create our props to act out stories. Children will continue to build up their vocabulary in describing different textures. We will be learning to move rhythmically to music as well as playing simple rhythms on instruments and learning how sounds can be changed. In the creative area children will be encouraged to draw with more detail and develop their own creative ideas and what materials to use to express them.

Parent Reminders:

- **Please make sure that you label every item of clothing to help the children keep track of their belongings.**
- **Please put water in water bottles not juice.**

Upcoming Events in Spring 2

- Thursday, 2nd March – World Book Day. Children will be participating in a story themed art day.
- Friday, 17th March – Comic Relief Day. Non uniform day with a £1 donation which will be given to the charity.
- Tuesday, 14th and Thursday, 16th March - Parent's Evening
- Friday, 31st March – 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!

