



Viaduct Federation of Schools

Reception Spring 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer

The children are now halfway through their first year at school. We are so pleased with how much they have achieved. They have enjoyed learning through our topics during our child-initiated learning. They have made great progress through our Math, Literacy, Phonics, Topic and Handwriting sessions.

The children are now familiar with our school incentives including the community coin, star stickers, reading certificates and rainbow certificates. These are great motivators for the children to do their best at learning and to be kind.

Brilliant work FS2 children! We hope you have enjoyed your well-deserved break!

Foundation

Stage 2

Teachers



Mrs Bennett- Head of FS
& Hedgehog Family



Mrs Lloyd- Seal Class



Mrs Roberts- Seal Class

Subject Overviews

Writing

As well as writing individual words, we will be practising how to write simple phrases and sentences. Children will learn 'sentence rules', including capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We ask the children to practise holding the sentence in their heads so they can remember what needs to be written. It can then be read back to make sure it makes sense when they have finished. We have been really impressed with how the children's handwriting is improving by learning how to add flicks and loops to letters ready for joining up words in KS1. Twice weekly handwriting lessons ensure that letter formation is practised, and this includes holding pencils correctly. We use the 'nip', 'flip' and 'grip' technique which your child could demonstrate to you!

Reading

The children are working hard in their RWI groups. It is now a familiar start to each day and is important that children arrive at 8.30am on time to start the lesson at 8.35am. We continue to read words by sight and by using our 'Fred Talk'. The children can show you what to do, using their pointing and sliding finger to read words. We have been spotting our 'special friends' sounds in words too; for example, 'sh', 'ch', 'qu', 'ng' and 'nk.' We revise our 'tricky words' during our RWI and Literacy sessions daily and the children are beginning to recognise and read them by sight much quicker. Many children are beginning to read simple sentences independently. Supporting your child with reading at home is essential and the books they take home are matched to their RWI groups which are reviewed each half term. Please write in your child's reading record when you have read at home so that they can work towards a reading certificate.

Maths

This half term we will be looking at comparing numbers up to 10. We will apply our understanding of more and fewer to compare bigger and smaller numbers. We will learn about number bonds with numbers up to 10. We will be working practically to build number to 10 and beyond using a tens frame and Numicon to help us.

The children will be learning the correct vocabulary to enable them to compare the length and height of objects. They will compare and order items they will try and find the tallest/ longest and shortest. We will begin to learn about the concept of time and use words related to time such as now, then, before, later, soon and after. Children will continue to learn about and describe the properties of 3D shape.



Mrs Kirk– Penguin Class

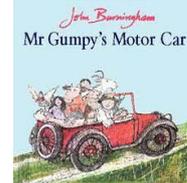
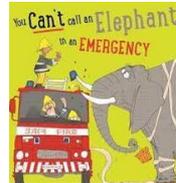
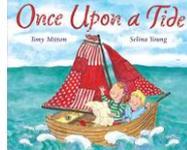
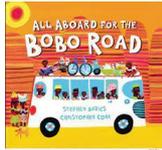


Miss R Arscott– Penguin Class

Subject Overviews continued..

Topic

This half term our topic will be 'Journeys'. As part of this topic we will be reading a range of books which involve different types of transportation and venturing into different countries. The stories we will be looking at can be seen below. Some of these may be familiar or new to the children. Some of the areas of learning we will cover through our topic work will be - exploring different cultures and landmarks, comparing cars from the past to present day cars. During their continuous provision time they will explore the stories through role play, small world, construction and the creative area.



Personal Social and Emotional

The children understand and follow routines and school rules. They are able to say when they like and don't like something and give reasons why. They listen beautifully to their friends during whole class discussions and circle times. During Growth mind set sessions, they will discuss perseverance through stories. They will talk about how they meet challenges and how they can support each other.

Communication and Language

The children will continue to become confident when speaking in different situations. They will practise responding to questions with relevant ideas. They will continue to develop their own explanations for why things happen. They will identify and describe new vocabulary learned through our topics and use this new vocabulary in their own conversations.

Physical Development

Our pencil grip has improved so much since September but this half term we will reinforce the correct grip and practise our letter and number formation. In our weekly PE sessions, our focus will be dance and movement linked to our topic. We will experiment with different ways of moving in relation to emotion.

Music

The children will be exploring sounds of different volume. Using body percussion and instruments we will compose music to describe a storm with quieter and louder sounds. We will have a session called Tap Talk and use vocal effects to describe the various sounds of water sources, some being louder than others. We will also explore songs from different countries as well as songs and raps related to travelling.

ICT

Children will continue to use ICT during exploration of their topics. They will use whiteboards to practise their Maths and Literacy skills. They will explore our stories on Ipads using the QR codes to download the stories. They will play topic related games on the interactive whiteboard to reinforce their learning in our topic area.

Understanding the World

Children will continue to learn about how people in our community help us. They will have a visit from a police officer to talk to us about their job and road safety. They will be able to talk about their different roles in society. Children will learn about the past through the Mr. Gumpy's Motorcar story. They will compare cars of the past with modern cars. Children will compare different cultures in stories and recognise different landmarks in some cities in the world through our Emma Jane's aeroplane story and Bobo Road. They will talk about floating and sinking during our Once Upon a Tide story.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will have the opportunity to design and make their own boat which they can then test. Will they float or sink? During our learning based on the story 'Once Upon a Tide' we will be creating ice lollies using different fruit juices. They will experience several role play set ups; including a safari bus, ice cream shop, travel agents and Police station using props to support their role play.

Parent Reminder. Please ensure your child brings in their PE kit the first day of term with labelled clothing. **FS2 have PE every Wednesday.**

Homework

Reading

Please continue to hear your child read and practise red words at home. Try asking your child to explain what is happening in their own words. This will help your child's understanding of the story.

Writing

Practise writing cvc words and phrases and sentences. Remind children to use their Fred fingers when writing words.

Maths

Practise making numbers up to 10 in different way. Practise you number bonds up to 10. Practise counting backward from 20. Challenge your child to start and stop at different numbers. Compare and order objects according to length and height.

Topic

Make an emergency vehicle out of junk modelling. Draw and label a picture of what you want to be when you grown up. Speak to an older family member about stories they read when they were young. See if they can share pictures of stories from when they were a child.

Upcoming Events in Spring 2

- World Book Day (2nd March) – we will have an art day based around the book The Dot
- Parent's Evening – Tuesday, 14th and Thursday, 16th March.
- Comic Relief (17th March) - we will be holding a non-uniform day
- Last day of term – Friday, 31st March.

BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE

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!

