

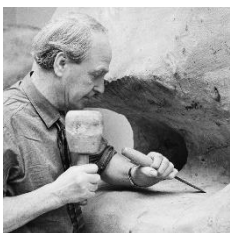
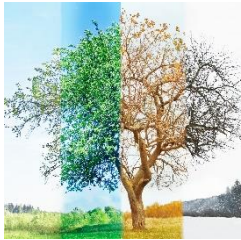


Year 1 Spring 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome back to school – we hope you have had a lovely half term break.

We have an exciting second half to the Spring term planned for Year 1. Our theme this term will be 'Growing'. As part of our topic, we will be planting and growing our own plants. The children will have the opportunity to explore a range of growing related themes.



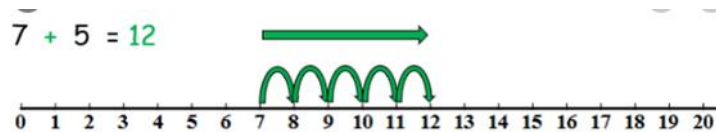
Subject Overview

English

This half-term we will be starting with a poem called 'When I am by myself'. We will be looking at noun phrases, exciting adjectives, and metaphors. We also will be looking at rhyming couplets. Each lesson we will be sentence stacking to build our poems. We will then be writing a non-chronological report on 'seasons', we will be looking at the 'shape' of a non-chronological report which will help us learn the features that we need to include. We will be writing action sentences, similes and sentences using subordination (because).

Maths

We will start our maths learning by focusing on bridging ten in addition and subtraction.



The children will continue to count to and across to 50, forwards and backwards, read and write numbers from 1 to 20 in numerals. They will also continue their multiplication and division learning by recalling multiplication and division facts and solving various word problems.

This half term we will also start to learn about capacity by comparing, measuring and solving capacity problems. We will revisit our fraction learning by halving and quartering quantities up to 20, recap our 3D shape learning by describing their properties and review our learning about money by recognising the coins and notes and then start to add coins together to find a total.

RWI and Spelling

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.

Science

The children will identify and describe the basic structure of common plants. Children will name a variety of common plants and garden plants. They will also get a chance to observe the growth of beans. The children will keep a diary and update it weekly looking closely at the plant growth.

Geography

Children will develop global awareness by looking in detail at the position of the seven continents and five oceans of the world, understanding that the world is spherical and creating their own journeys across the world. Children continue to build on their map skills developed in the Autumn term using atlases, world maps and globes more widely.

Art

In Art Year 1 will be exploring the works of Paul Klee and Emma Burleigh. They will be learning that watercolour paint has special characteristics. We will use the elements of surprise and accident to help us create art. We will be developing our painting by reflecting upon what we see, and adding new lines and shapes to help develop imagery.

Computing

In Computing the children are going to using beebots to create different routes. They be learning how to use the different buttons on the beebot and will be creating a simple set of instructions.

Religious Education

The children will be focusing their work on the theme 'belonging'. They will be linking their work to the Christian festival - Easter. The children will be learning what happened during the Easter period and understanding that this is what Christian's believe. They will be introduced to vocabulary such as Maundy Thursday, Easter Sunday and Palm Tuesday.

PE & Games

In PE the children will be focusing on invasion games. They will be also developing their gymnastics skills by incorporating our 'growing' theme.

PE Kit Reminder: Your child's PE kit needs to be in school at the start of each half term and then left in school until the end of each half term. Please can you ensure your child has an indoor PE kit and an outdoor PE kit as the weather is still chilly.

The children have PE on a **Tuesday**.

Music

During this half term, the children will explore the musical dimension of pitch. Using the story of Jack and the Beanstalk, we will use pitch to describe events and characters. Learning about the seasons, we will explore changes in pitch and respond to them with movements and vocal sounds.

Rewards

We give out golden stickers as learning rewards which lead to rainbow certificates and community coins are given when the children have shown a Wyvern value behaviour. At the end of each half term children vote for a reward decided by Student Council.

Homework

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.

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 the next week on Monday.

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

Upcoming Events in Spring 2

- Thursday 2nd March- World Book Day. Children will be participating in a story themed art day.
- Tuesday, 14th and Thursday, 16th March - Parent's Evening
- Friday, 17th March – Comic Relief Day. Non uniform day with a £1.00 donation which will be given to charity.
- Thursday 30th March (3.15-3.45) Phonic screening information presentation
- 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!

