



Year 2 Spring 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Viaduct Federation of Schools



Dear Parent/Carer

We hope you had a lovely restful half term. Thank you to everyone who contributed towards and attended the Warwick Castle trip. The adults and children had a fantastic day and it really helped to produce some excellent Big Writes! This half term our topic is 'Travel and Adventure.' We will be discovering how transport has changed over time and be reading lots of stories about magical adventures and mysterious journeys.

Subject Overviews

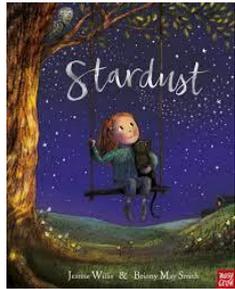
English

In English we are going to be reading stories about journeys and adventures. We are going to start by reading a story called Zeraffa Giraffa. It describes a giraffe's journey as she travels from Africa to Paris. We will be focusing on using adventurous vocabulary and using different types of sub-ordination and co-ordination. We will then look at the features of a letter and focus on writing complex sentences. Lastly, we will look at a story called Stardust where we will be using fronted adverbials and difference sentence types.



Maths

We will be starting off the half term by solving word problems using column addition and subtraction. You will need to start reading time to every 5 minutes on an analogue clock. It would be helpful if you could practise this at home. Children will begin to use reasoning about numbers and relationships to solve more complex problems and explain their thinking. Please continue practising initial recall of number bonds to twenty and the five and three times table. When looking at multiplication and division we will be using arrays and sharing circles to solve number sentences.



Guided Reading

In Guided Reading sessions, children will have access to a range of non-fiction texts on a variety of topics. They will be working on their explanation and reasoning skills. We will also be practising our 'Speedy Reading' and using intonation when reading aloud.



RWI and Spelling

The children will be reviewing their sounds and consolidating spelling words. The children will be given spellings to learn every week. They will also be beginning the Oxford Owl Spelling Programme. They will have their spelling test each Monday and be focusing on words that use contractions and suffixes.

Science

In Science the children will be continuing to learn about plants. We are going to be identifying and naming a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees.

Music

In Year 2, we have a specialist music teacher, Mrs Rawlence. The children will listen to the Story Treasure Island. They will create sounds to match the events in the story, choosing instruments with the correct timbre. The children will then perform their class composition following the score they created.



PE & Games

In PE children will be exploring travel through gymnastics. They will be creating different shapes and movement with their bodies. In Outdoor Adventurous activities children will be going on adventures using team building skills.

History

In History we will be looking at how people travelled before cars were invented. We will be using a timeline to understand the changes in transport over time. We will look at different ways in which water travel and transport has changed from past to present. This will include looking at the history of canal boats. The children will also be studying the Wright Brothers and comparing how air travel has changed from the past to present day.

RE

In RE we will be learning about Judaism. We will find out about some of the religious celebrations including the Bar Mitzvah. We will also be learning about religious symbols including the Star of David and the Menorah.

Computing

Children will be using Scratch Junior on the iPads to create and debug algorithms. They will be learning how to use a variety of tools including using multiple 'sprites' in an algorithm.

Art

In Art they will be learning about the artist Claude Monet and expressing their own opinions about his work. They will be learning how to sketch with a range of different pencils. They will be creating their own bridge picture inspired by Monet's work and evaluating its effectiveness.

Home Learning

We ask that children read each day for 10 minutes. Each child in Year 2 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 ask you to sign their personal log each time you hear them. We find that a few minutes every day of practising the weekly spellings really helps the children to learn and remember their spelling patterns and rules.

Assessment

To help us best support your child, we will be asking them to carry out some assessments. These will include maths, reading, grammar, spelling and writing assessments.

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.

Upcoming Events in Year 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 donation which will be given to charity.
- Wednesday, 29th March (3.15pm-3.45pm) SATS information presentation.
- Friday, 31st March – last day of term.

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!

