



## Viaduct Federation of Schools

### FS1 Summer 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parent / Carer,

This will be the final term in Nursery for our September children. They have developed and matured so much during their time in Nursery and we are so proud of what they have achieved so far. The children continue to astound us with their enthusiasm and love of learning. Our January children have settled well into routines and are now very involved in all aspects of Nursery. We welcome more new children this half term who I am sure will be welcomed by all the children.

Our topic for this half term is **'Knight's, Princesses and Dragons.'**

### Foundation Stage

#### 1 Teachers



Miss Smith  
Head of Nursery  
Parrot and Toucan  
Teacher



Mrs Collender  
FS1 TA



Mrs Beale  
FS1 TA



Mrs Khurshid  
FS1 TA

#### Subject Overviews

##### Writing

This term we will start our Read Write Inc lessons. Children will learn the sound of the letters and how to write them. Some children will begin to use their letter sounds to write simple three letter words.

We will provide opportunities to develop fine and gross motor skills. There will be activities that will strengthen their muscles ready for writing. We will still have the opportunity to mark make using a wide range of media including crayon paint, markers, pencils and through our messy play. Children will be encouraged to write letters using the correct letter formation and the correct pencil grip. The children will also be encouraged to try to write their name.

##### Reading

We will share stories related to our topic this half term. Some of the stories we will read together are Good Knight Bad Knight, The Worst Princess, Zog, The Day the Dragons Came, The Fort and We're Going on a Leaf Hunt. We will continue to develop our auditory memory skills which is an important pre-reading skill. We will play games and take part in activities that will help us develop these skills. We will also continue to orally blend sounds for example if you say the sounds c-a-t the children will be able to blend the sounds to hear the word cat. Children will be re-telling and creating their own stories through role play and story props. Some children will begin to use their letter sounds to read simple three letter words.

##### Maths

In Maths, we will continue to develop our number skills by counting to 10 and focusing on numbers to 5 through learning to write them, using 1:1 correspondence to count objects from a larger amount, subitise with them and solve simple addition and subtraction up to 5. We will be exploring the names of 2D shapes and their properties and sequencing event in time order. We will also be exploring length, height, weight and comparing different sized objects.



Mrs Preswell  
FS1 TA

## Subject Overviews continued

### **Topic**

Our topic this term is **'Knights, Princesses and Dragons.'** Through our stories children will learn about knights, princesses, dragons and castles. We will be exploring where the stories are set, looking at when the stories may have been set and what life was like in the past.



### **Personal Social and Emotional**

Children will develop an awareness of the feelings of others through stories and social situations. They are learning how to take turns and share, using words to sort out any issues. Children will be encouraged to share their point of views and begin to understand that people do not always have the same views. Children will develop an understanding of different communities around the world.

### **Communication and Language**

The children will be introduced to new words associated with our topic. We will encourage the children to join in with repeated refrains in our stories. 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 through our music lessons and begin to understand longer instructions involving several steps.

### **Physical Development**

The children will be practising their movement and gymnastic skills in PE lessons. We will be learning to jump in different ways (bunny hops, star jumps, frog jumps) as well as how to jump off equipment and land properly. Please make sure that the children are suitably dressed on their PE day (**Friday**) – eg, girls wearing leggings or trousers.

### **Understanding the World**

To begin our topic, we will be exploring princes and princesses using stories, we will then move on to exploring fantasy stories using Zog. We will explore what life was like in the past and look at different materials and which are the best to make castles and forts. We will also explore Beeboots and how they work and move in different directions after they have been given an instruction.

### **Expressive Arts and Design**

We will listen to stories and create our own stories using props. We will look at different ways to create patterns using a variety of media. We will continue to develop our drawing and painting skills by adding more detail and emotions into our pictures. Everyone will have access to a variety of materials to enable them to express themselves creatively using their own interests.



***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.
- We are discouraging the children from bringing in toys from home and ask for your support with this please.
- **Our PE sessions are Friday AM and PM. If your children are in Nursery for these sessions, please make sure that you send them in with trainers on.**

**Upcoming Events in Summer 1**

- May Bank Holiday- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May
- Kings Coronation Bank holiday- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May
- Half term week commencing 29th May and return to school on Monday, 5th June

**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!

