



Viaduct Federation of Schools

Year 2 Summer 1 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parent/Carer

We hope the children had an enjoyable Easter. We have appreciated having them back at school and they have been working hard. Our topic for this half term is the Seaside. We will be reading stories about sea creatures and underwater adventures. We will be looking at sorting and classifying animals in Science and learning how we use technology safely in different places. We will be welcoming Mrs Meek into the Year 2 team where she will be a set and intervention teacher for summer term.

Subject Overviews

English

Firstly, we are going to be focusing on a biography of Grace Darling. We are then going to be writing a poem about the Seaside. We will be watching films called 'Something Fishy' and 'The Lighthouse Keeper'. They describe a little girl's adventure through a washing machine into an underwater world and a lonely lighthouse keeper who helps to save a ship from crashing into the rocks. We will be focusing on using synonyms, different sentence types and a range of punctuation. We will be creating Big Writes every week.

Maths

We will be learning about multiplication and division and using arrays to solve multiplication problems and grouping to solve division problems. We will also be revising work on using written methods across the four calculating operations. We will be using them to solve two step word problems and looking at example questions in the arithmetic and reasoning SAT's papers. We will be revising questions on measurement, time, fractions, shape and the four operations. We are encouraging the children to show their working out when solving word problems and to go back and check their answers.

Guided Reading

In Guided Reading sessions, children will have access to a range of fiction texts on a variety of topics. They will be reading a selection of picture books and longer chapter books. They will be working on their prediction and inference skills. We will also be practising our 'Speedy Reading' and using intonation when reading aloud.

RWI and Spelling

Children will be continuing RWI and following the RWI spelling programme. We are going to be focusing on answering SAT style reading comprehension questions and using inference skills. The children will be given spellings to learn every week. They will be focusing on words that use all of the Year 2 spelling rules. They will have their spelling test each Monday.

Science

In Science children will begin the term by sorting objects into 'living', 'non-living and 'things that were never alive'. We will be learning to describe how we know something is alive using terms such as 'respiration' and 'reproduction'. Finally, we look at different habitats and how animals adapt to suit their habitats.



PE & Games

This term in PE the children will be practising their ball skills by learning how to play cricket. They will be learning to control the ball and how to aim using the bat. The children will also be practising their athletic skills. Year 2 have PE on Thursdays.

Music

This term children will be focusing on the theme of weather when creating and listening to music. They will be learning chants such as 'Waiting for the bus'. They will be using instrumental ostinato to accompany the chants. They will also be listening and responding to a range of classical music including, the First Movement, Winter, from Vivaldi's The Four Seasons.

Topic

In Geography, children will be comparing Wolverton with Kiama, New South Wales in Australia. They will learn on which continent Wolverton and Kiama are situated. They will use maps to locate London and Sydney (Harbour). They will research and compare human features and physical features.

PSHE

In PSHE, children will start by looking at how their bodies will physically change as they grow and how important it is to look after their bodies. They will also be looking at their emotional changes and learning about being respectful. They will learn about the differences between fact and opinions as well as the similarities and differences between people.

Computing

In computing, children will develop their understanding of what information technology (IT) is and will begin to identify examples. They will discuss where they have seen IT in school and beyond, in settings such as shops, hospitals, and libraries. Learners will then investigate how IT improves our world, and they will learn about the importance of using IT responsibly.

Design and Technology

Children will be creating and evaluating their own puppets. They will be learning about different puppets and applying these ideas to their town designs. They will also be practising their sewing skills using a running stitch. They will be selecting and joining materials.

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. Spellings will be taught in Guided Reading sets. The children will be set a new spelling list once a week. They will be tested on their spellings in their sets each Monday.

Assessment

As part of transition, and to help us best support your child, we will be asking them to carry out the SATS assessments. These will include maths, reading, grammar, spelling and writing assessments.



Upcoming Events

- SATS in May (15th-26th)
- May Bank Holiday- Monday 1st May
- Kings Coronation Bank holiday- Monday 8th May
- Half term week commencing 29th May and return to school on Monday, 5th June

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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!

