



## Viaduct Federation of Schools



### Year 1 Autumn 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome back to Wyvern and to a brand new half term. We have an exciting second part of the Autumn term planned for Year 1. Our theme this term will be 'Space'. As part of our topic we have booked for a mobile planetarium to come into school, which promises to be an amazing insight into The Solar System. We are so excited to see the children's reaction to this.

#### Subject Overview

##### English

Year 1 will be focusing on our topic 'Space', writing narratives based on the text 'The Way Back Home'. We will continue focusing on speaking and listening, using 'and' to join words as well as making nouns interesting by using adjectives. The children will then be producing a piece of non-fiction writing based on 'Ice Planets'. They will be looking at the features of a report and writing sentences with capital letters and full stops.

##### Maths

Children will start the half term by completing the unit on addition and subtraction. They will be focusing on adding one or two in a variety of different contexts. They will combine all the methods and approaches they have seen so far in this unit. They will decide for the first time whether the question is an addition or a subtraction. So far, they have only seen each skill in isolation. We will be encouraging children to make connections between adding or subtracting one and adding or subtracting two. At the end of the half term children start by looking at 3-D shapes, as these are tangible shapes that they can touch and feel to help understand their identifying features. Children will be making links to previous learning and will start to think about the 2-D faces on a 3-D shape, as this will support them later when they look at 2-D shapes in detail.

##### Reading and Spelling

Children will be continuing RWI which they are familiar with from reception. They will be reviewing their set 1 special friends and begin to confidently use their set 2 sounds when segmenting and blending. They will have two daily sessions which will consist of daily reading and spelling of words. During their daily Guided Reading session, children will have the opportunity to read, share, discuss and respond to a core text. Children will be changing their reading book on a Friday during their RWI session. Spelling test is on a Monday. We ask that children read each day for 10 minutes. Each child in Year 1 will be issued with a level-appropriate reading book and two online reading books 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.

##### Science

In Science, we will be working on improving our investigation skills on materials, we will identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock. We will distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made. Then we will complete an assortment of experiments and perform simple tests using everyday materials and describe simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials. At the end of the topic, we will identify opaque and transparent materials.



## **History**

In History, we are going to be developing an awareness of the lives of significant individuals in the past. These will include Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong.

## **Computing**

In Computing, learners will develop their understanding of technology and how it can help them in their everyday lives. They will start to become familiar with the different components of a computer by developing their keyboard and mouse skills. Learners will also consider how to use technology responsibly.

## **DT**

This half term we will be making 'Space buggies'. We will start by investigating different vehicles by looking at how they move. We will learn about wheels, chassis and axels then make our own mock ups. We will then design and make our own moving space buggy.

## **R.E**

In Religious Education we will be learning about Christianity and what it means to 'Believe'. We will be discussing what our own beliefs are and we will start to discuss key parts to the Christian church. The children will be listening to stories from the Bible. They will learn about the visitors, Christians believe, who came to see Jesus when he was born and then throughout his life.

## **PE**

In PE the children will be participating in badminton and outside they will be learning how to play invasion games.

The children have PE on a **Tuesday** - please can you make sure the children are wearing a warm PE kit as the weather will start getting colder.

## **Music**

In Year 1 we have a specialist music lead, Mrs Rawlence, who works with the children once a week to develop a wider appreciation for music and musical styles. This term the focus is on music about 'Space'.

### **Upcoming Events in Year 1**

- Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November - Open morning and evening for new parents/carers
- Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> November - phonics information session 8:35 am
- Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November - individual school photos
- Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November- Planetarium in school
- Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> December - Wolverton Lantern Parade
- Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Fair
- Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch
- Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> December - school performances

