



Viaduct Federation of Schools

Year 1 Spring 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer

Happy New Year! We hope you had a relaxing break over the Christmas period. Last term the children enjoyed the Planetarium visit and their walk around the local area! We have an exciting first half to the Spring term planned for Year 1. Our theme this term will be 'Toys'.

Subject Overview

English

This half-term we will be focusing on 'Pinocchio' and writing an adventure story. The children will be using adjectives, verbs, and time adverbials to create sentences that have capital letters and full stops. The children will then move on to a non-fiction unit where they will be writing a report about Toys from the Past. They will be using the features of a non-chronological report which will include headings, sub-headings, and facts.

Maths

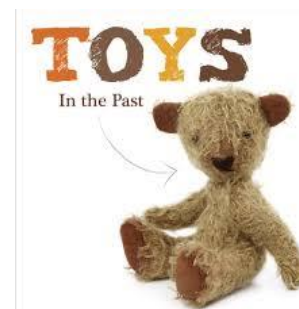
In Maths we will be starting with place value up to 20. We will look at different representations of numbers and how many tens and ones make up a number. We will then review subtraction and addition. The children will represent and use number bonds and related subtraction facts within 20.

RWI and Guided Reading

They will be reviewing their sounds and learning new ones that they may have not come across before. During Guided Reading sessions, children will have the opportunity to read, share, discuss and respond to a core text. We will be sharing traditional tales and poetry based on toys. The children will be recognising patterns in texts. With support they will be able to justify their views about texts they have had read to them.

Science

To start Science this half term the children will be exploring different types of plants and how they grow. They will plant their own seeds and will be watching them grow ready for after half term. Whilst waiting for the seeds to grow they will be identifying a range of animals and learning how to describe them.



History

In History, the children will learn about popular toys through different periods of time. They will compare toys that were made in different time periods and identify similarities and difference between toys from two different time periods. They will look at Toy Story and Winnie the Pooh. Throughout the unit, the children will develop a range of historical skills such as: asking and answering questions, identifying, and interpreting different sources and recognising change and exploring how this influences them today.

Design Technology

In DT we will be creating a 'Teddy Bears Picnic'. The children will learn about where food comes from and will design, source, create and evaluate their own no bake biscuit and fruit skewer.

Computing

In Computing lessons, the children will be exploring the world of digital art and its exciting range of creative tools. We will be empowering them to create their own paintings, while getting inspiration from a range of other artists. We will then conclude by asking them to consider their preferences when painting with, and without, the use of digital devices.

PSHE

This unit will be focusing on relationships. They will be able to identify their special people and what makes them special. They will also identify different relationships they have and why these are important. They will be developing positive relationships during work and play.

PE & Games

For the whole of Spring Term staff will be delivering PE and Games for the Year 1 children. In PE the children will be focusing on 'dance' and invasion games they will be looking at 'invasion games. The children will have PE on a **Tuesday**.

PE Kit Reminder

Year 1 have PE on a Tuesday. As the weather is still chilly, please make sure your child has warm clothing such as jogging bottoms and a zip hoodie/long sleeved top.

Music

Using the theme of toys and machines, the children will explore beat through using movement, body percussion and instruments. They will combine a steady beat with word rhythms and explore changes in tempo/speed.

Home Learning

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 and they will be assigned two books online. 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. The children will be set a new spelling list once a week. Their new lists are to be stuck into their personal logs. They will be tested on their spellings in their sets each Monday. We find that a few minutes every day really helps the children to learn and remember their spelling patterns and rules.



Upcoming Events – Spring 1

- 2.30 pm on Monday, 13th January-Parent KS1 Reading meeting
- Friday, 14th February – End of Term

Attendance Matters



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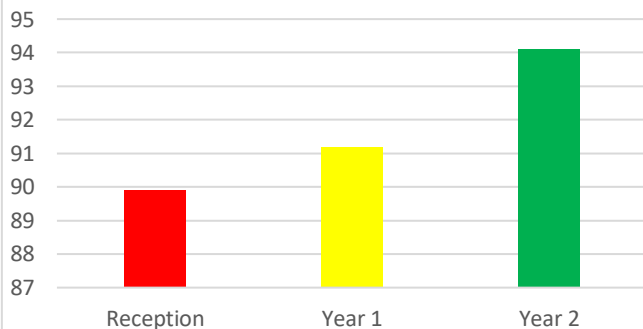
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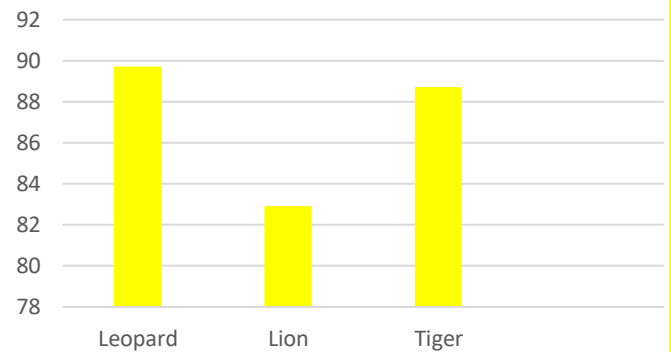
73 possible days

As you know, pupil attendance is very important and is a focus on schools from both the government and the local authority. In terms of our drive to raise awareness, please see below our classes' average attendance. Thank you for all of your efforts to get the children in everyday does make a difference. Please can we encourage you to keep it up for the summer term.

Whole School Attendance



Year 1 Attendance



100% attendance

72 days of learning



EXCELLENT

High attendance leads to high achievement and a greater chance of success – Well done!

97% attendance

70 days of learning



95% attendance

68 days of learning



CONCERNING

Poor attendance makes it harder to progress and limits opportunities for success

90% attendance

65 days of learning



85% attendance

61 days of learning



SERIOUS CONCERN

Very poor attendance seriously impacts on education and reduces life chances!

80% attendance

58 days of learning



Be the best you can be.

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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!

