



Year 2 Spring 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Viaduct Federation of Schools



Dear Parents/Carers

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 subordination 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 completing the unit on multiplication and division. We are going to divide by 2,5 and 10. We will also be recognising and using odd and even numbers. Our next unit will be focusing on measuring, comparing and investigating length and height. We will end the term by comparing mass, capacity and temperature. We will be using all four operations to solve problems.

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. Their reading book will be changed every Friday.

Science

In Science this half term we will continue exploring different habitats and the animals that live there. We will be creating our own food chains to understand the link between animals' habitats and their diets. During each lesson we also be taking measurements of our plants as we investigate what a plant needs to grow.

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 playing Badminton. They will be learning to play in partners and will be taught how to control their racket. In Outdoor Adventurous activities children will be going on adventures using team building skills. Year 2 have PE on a Thursday.

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 artists, Marela Zacarias and Charlie French. They will be learning about expressive art and creating abstract pieces. They will use their sketch books to practise using colour and different brush marks, inspired by other artists.

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. They also have access to books to read and to listen to on the e-book library. 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, 6th March- World Book Day (dress-up and book swap)
- Friday, 21st March- Comic relief day (non-uniform)
- Tuesday, 1st and Wednesday, 2nd April- Parents evening.
- Friday, 4th April – end of term

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!



Attendance Matters



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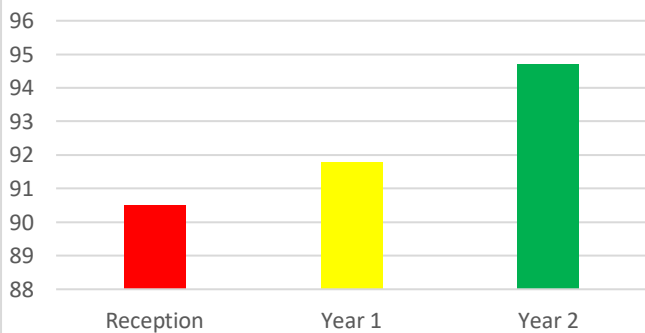
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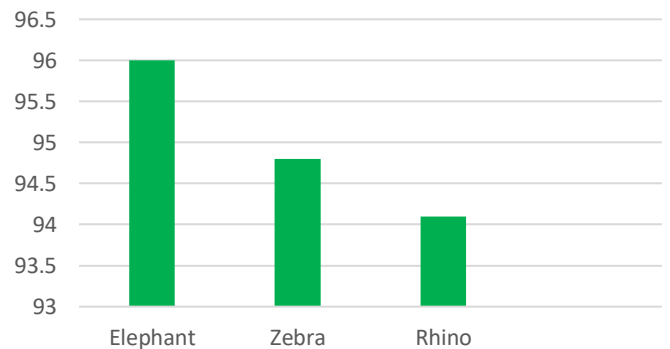
103 possible days this year

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 2 Attendance



Attendance %	Days of Learning	Days Absent	Category	Impact
100%	72	0	EXCELLENT	High attendance leads to high achievement and a greater chance of success – Well done!
97%	70	2	CONCERNING	Poor attendance makes it harder to progress and limits opportunities for success
95%	68	4		
90%	65	7	SERIOUS CONCERN	Very poor attendance seriously impacts on education and reduces life chances!
85%	61	11		
80%	58	14		

Be the best you can be.