



Year 1 Summer 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer

We have an exciting Summer Term planned for Year 1. Our theme this term will be 'The Great Fire of London'. We are looking forward to the challenges of the coming term and having fun while learning lots as well. As always, if you have any questions please just ask one of the team.

Subject Overview

English



The children will be writing their own poem based on The Great Fire of London. They will be using nouns and verbs to write short stanzas. They will be then writing complex sentences based on a story called Sammy the Dog. They will use coordination such as 'and' 'but'. They will also be able to recognise a statement and use subordination. They will finish the half term by writing some instructions about their moving picture. They will be using time openers and verbs.

Maths



The children will start the half term with a unit of learning based on place value. They will be counting to and across 100, forwards and backwards, beginning with zero or 1, or from any given number. They will then identify and represent numbers using objects and pictorial representations including the number line, and use the language of equal to, more than, less than (fewer), most, least.

Their next unit will focus on money. They will learn how to recognise and know the value of different denominations of coins and notes. Also, they will be counting, reading and writing numbers to 100 in numerals; count in multiples of 2s, 5s and 10s.

The last unit that Year 1 will cover will focus on is time. They will learn the months of the year and the days of the week. They tell the time to the half hour using only the hour hand and notice that the hour hand is halfway between numbers. They learn the term "half past", linking it to their knowledge of fractions. At home, please practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. It would also be helpful to practise telling the time focusing on the hour and half an hour.



RWI and Spelling

The children will be reviewing their sounds and learning new ones that they may have not come across before. They will have a daily session which will consist of daily reading and writing of words. During their daily Guided Reading session, children will have the opportunity to read, share, discuss and respond to a core text.

Science

This half term in Science the children will be exploring where their food comes from. This will include growing plants and using this in making food for them to try. They will end the half term by looking at the changes in the summer season and how to stay safe in the sun.

Computing

Children will be learning about digital writing. They will be learning to type and will know how to remove text and images from a document. They will be familiar with the keys on a keyboard and how to use capital letters and punctuation.

RE

During this term we will be focusing our work on Christianity and how Christians believe they should behave. We will be learning about Jesus' disciples, who they were and what they did. We will also be learning about the parables that are found in the Bible. These are short stories with a moral. During the weeks we will be learning about the miracles which Christians believe Jesus carried out e.g. turning water into wine and also learning about the 10 commandments which are also found in the Bible. We will be finishing our topic learning about the role of Church leaders and how they should behave living their own lives like Jesus did.

DT

In Design and Technology, the children will be designing and producing their own moving picture based on the Great Fire of London. They will learn about different mechanisms and then test them to see which is the most effective. They will recreate a scene from the Great Fire of London.

History

In History we will be learning about the key events of the Great Fire of London, we will develop our understanding of the ways in which we can find out about the past through discussing primary sources. In doing so, this unit also introduces Samuel Pepys and his infamous diary. We will have the opportunity to increase our awareness of the past by comparing and contrasting past and present-day London, as well as looking at how life was different in the 17th century.

PE & Games

For the whole of Summer Term the Viaduct Federation PE Team will be delivering PE and Games for the Year One children. In PE the children will be focusing on playing Tennis and Baseball.

The children have PE on a **Tuesday**—please make sure your child comes to school in their PE kit.

Music

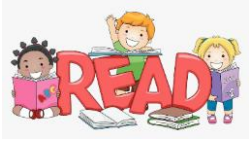
As the children explore the topic of The Great Fire of London, we will learn action songs from that era. We will also learn how music can be used to tell a story. The children will identify contrasts of fast and slow, loud and quiet, and different pitch shapes, leading to a performance.



Homework

Reading

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. 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. They can access the e-book library and sound videos. Their log ins are at the front of the reading records.



Spelling

The children will be set a new spelling list once a week. Their new lists will be stuck into their reading records. The children will be tested on their spellings the next week on Monday.

We find that a few minutes practise every day really helps the children to learn and remember their spelling patterns and rules.



Upcoming Events in Summer 2

- Friday 6th June - Big Bubble Theatre to Wyvern (Great Fire of London Workshop)
- Week beginning 9th June- Phonic screening tests
- Wednesday, 4th June- History Day
- Thursday, 19th June – School Class Photos
- Wednesday, 28th June- DT Day
- Tuesday, 1st July - Transition morning
- Monday, 7th July - Sports Day
- Friday 11th July- Reports out
- Wednesday, 16th July – School disco
- Friday, 18th July - Last day of term

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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 with the B... Id an... Viaduct Federation of schools. Like... kee... to dat... any school events and news!



