



## Viaduct Federation of Schools

### Year 2 Summer 2 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to the second Summer half term! The children worked extremely hard last half term. Their new topic is called Nature Detectives. They will be learning lots of new skills, making dolls in Art and creating maps of Wyvern School using a compass. We will also be transitioning the children into Year 3. We are looking forward to celebrating their time at Wyvern with a celebration event.



### Subject Overviews

#### **English**

The children will start the half term by writing a non-fiction report about Habitats and Hibernation. They will be focusing on the features of a non-chronological report. They also will be including a variety of sentence types. When writing their fable based on A Crows Tale they will be using apostrophise for contractions and possession. Throughout the half term they will be using joined up handwriting.

#### **Maths**

The children will start the half term by telling and writing the time to five minutes, including quarter past/to the hour and they will be drawing the hands on a clockface to show these times. They will be discussing the terms midnight and noon, and learning that a new day starts at midnight. They will then solve time related problems. They will then move on to learning about statistics where they will interpret and construct simple pictograms, tally charts, block diagrams and simple tables. They will complete the year by using mathematical vocabulary to describe position, direction and movement, including movement in a straight line and distinguishing between rotation as a turn and in terms of right angles for quarter, half and three-quarter turns (clockwise and anticlockwise). Please practise learning to tell the time at home and the three times table.

#### **Guided Reading**

In Guided Reading we will be continuing to read longer texts including Guard Dog and George's Marvellous Medicine. We will be comparing stories and justifying our views. We will have class discussions where we can share ideas and answer inference questions. We will be using extracts of texts to make predictions. We will also be practising our pace and fluency of reading and rereading texts to ensure that we understand a story.

#### **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 our inference skills. The children will be given spellings to learn every week and they will have their spelling test each Monday. They will be focusing on words that use all of the Year 2 spelling rules. We will be practising homophones and prefixes.

#### **Science**

This half term the children will finish working on life cycles. After watching our classroom butterflies emerge from the chrysalis, we will compare patterns of the different life cycles we have learnt about. To finish off the half term we will be exploring how wildlife helps us and how we can support wildlife in our local area.

## **PE & Games**

This term in PE children will be taking part in net and wall games and will be learning how to play tennis. They will be learning how to throw and hit the ball at a target. They will also be working on their team work in the striking and fielding games.

## **Music**

The focus in music will be on animals. We will be learning The Lion Sleeps Tonight. They will be performing actions in time to the beat of this song. We will also be learning In the Jungle. The children will copy changes in the pitch of animal sounds using voices. They will then demonstrate the changes in pitch with body movement.

## **Topic**

In Geography we will be looking at how seasons affect the school day at Wyvern. We will be using a trundle wheel to measure the Wyvern site and then create map using compass points. We will be using geographical vocabulary to explain why Wyvern is a good site for a school.

## **RE**

In RE we will be looking at special religious places. We will be learning about a Synagogue and how Jewish people pray. We will also look at how the Torah can influence Jewish religious teachings. We will be hearing the stories about Noah, David and Goliath.

## **Computing**

This half term the children will be taking part in a digital photography. They will be using the iPad to take and edit their own pictures. They will look at how to consider framing, positioning and the subject when taking a photo. They will also be taking into account the use of lighting when taking their photo.

## **Art**

In Art the children will be taking part in a stick transformation project where they will be making stick dolls and looking at worry dolls. We will look at how artists use their creativity to look at the world in new ways and use their hands to transform materials into new things. We also will be learning how we can use our imagination to help shape the world.

## **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. 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 can also access the e-book library. Their log ins are at the front of the reading records. Spellings will be taught in class sets. The children will be set a new spelling list once a week. Their new lists should 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. There will be a piece of maths learning given out once a week. This is not compulsory but will help the children practise the skills they have been learning in class.

### Upcoming Events – Year 2

- Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> June (phonic screening resits)
- Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> June – School Class Photos
- Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> July - Transition morning
- Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day
- Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> July- Reports out
- Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> July – School disco and Leavers assembly
- Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> July - Last day of term

#### **Climbing trips**

- Rhino Class – Tuesday, 8th July
- Elephant Class – Wednesday, 9th July
- Zebra Class – Thursday, 10th July

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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!

