



Viaduct Federation of Schools



FS1 Autumn 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

We are very pleased with how well the children have settled into Pre-School. They have enjoyed exploring the different areas of learning during our choosing time. The children are getting used to the routines in school and are becoming more independent at finding their belongings and washing their hands. They are beginning to make lovely friendships and have developed positive relationships with the adults. Our topics this half term are **Celebrations, Being Healthy and People Who Help Us.**

Foundation Stage 1

Teachers



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Parrot and Toucan
Pre-School
Teacher



Mrs Rawal
FS1 TA



Mrs Beale
FS1 TA



Mrs Khurshid
FS1 TA

Subject Overviews

Writing

The children will take part in opportunities to develop their fine and gross motor skills. There will be activities during our independent learning that will strengthen their muscles ready for writing. We will have the opportunity to mark make using a wide range of media including crayons, paint, markers, pencils and through our messy play. We will be learning to hold pens/pencils correctly by using our nip, flip and grip technique.

Reading

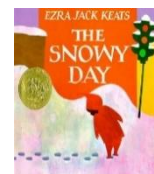
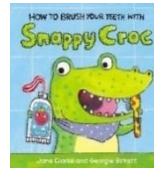
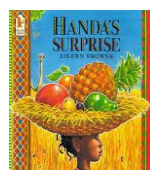
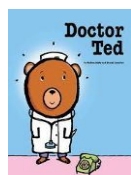
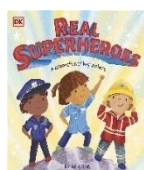
We will share many stories related to our topic this half term. Some of the stories we will read together are Handa's Surprise, Ready Steady Mo, and Doctor Ted and The Snowy Day. Through our stories children will learn new vocabulary associated with our topic. We will be talking about the features of books, from the front cover to the author and illustrator. In phonics we will be focusing on hearing rhyming words, alliteration, hearing initial sounds and clapping our syllables in words.

Maths

In Maths we will practise counting forwards and backwards to 10. We will count out objects trying really hard to use one to one correspondence. We will focus on each number individually looking at how they are composed, how we can make them and how they are different from one another. The children will also look at patterns in the environment and repeating patterns. Children will create, finish and find the missing pieces to patterns using objects.

Topic

Through our topics we will be learning about different celebrations, how to keep healthy and the different people that help us. We will learn about how people celebrate Christmas and we will develop our vocabulary around this celebration! Through our role play, we will get a chance to pretend to sell fruit in our market, become dentists and look after children and babies in our doctor's surgery.



Personal Social and Emotional

The children will become more independent within Nursery, selecting resources and activities of their choosing. The children will continue to develop their friendships by engaging in activities together. The children will continue to talk about how their actions and words can affect others. Through our 'Looking After Our Bodies' topic we will also explore how we can look after ourselves independently.

Communication and Language

The children will be introduced to new words associated with celebrations, healthy eating and the people who help us. They will begin to talk about how they celebrate different celebrations at home and recall significant events from their lives. We will also be discussing how to keep our bodies and teeth healthy. Adults will model speaking in full sentences and will encourage the children to use new vocabulary. We will also encourage the children to use words to explain to others what they want or need.

Physical Development

In PE lessons (Friday's) the PE team will be teaching the children health related fitness. The children will learn to move in a variety of different ways, follow instructions and develop their hand eye coordination. Children will continue to develop their fine motor skills in holding pens and pencils correctly using our nip, flip and grip technique as well as using scissors correctly.

Understanding the World

The children will discover what people do to celebrate different occasions. We will explore the signs of Autumn by going on an Autumn walk around the school and noticing the changes in the environment. Within our healthy eating topic, we will explore different food groups saying if they are healthy or not healthy. The children will also have a fruit tasting experience with fruits from our story Handa's Surprise. We will learn about the importance of a healthy diet and the effect exercise has on our body. We will also learn the importance of keeping our teeth healthy.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will listen to storytelling and create our own stories using props in the small world and role play area. The children will role play different scenarios using what they have learned and their own experiences to develop their own narratives. They will explore our topics using a range of media such as paint, markers, and collage materials. In our music lesson we will explore different instruments and the different ways we can play them.

Parent Reminders: Please put water in water bottles not juice.

Please label all clothing to help the children keep track of their belongings.

Please remind your child to change their story book once it is read and have fun reading a range of stories at home.

Encourage children to sing you some of our songs we have been learning.

Reading

Please continue to share stories with your children at home. Ask the children to explain what has happened in the story and encourage them to retell it in their own way.

Upcoming Events in Autumn 2

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(more information will be sent out, by Parentmail about the upcoming events nearer the time)

- Wednesday, 3rd November - Open Morning and Evening for New parents
- Monday, 17th November - Individual School photos
- Saturday, 6th December - Wolverton Lantern Parade
- Friday, 12th December - Christmas Jumper day
- Wednesday, 17th December - Christmas Stay and Play 10.30am-11.15am or 2.00pm-2.45pm
- Monday, 15th December - School Performances

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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!



Attendance Matters



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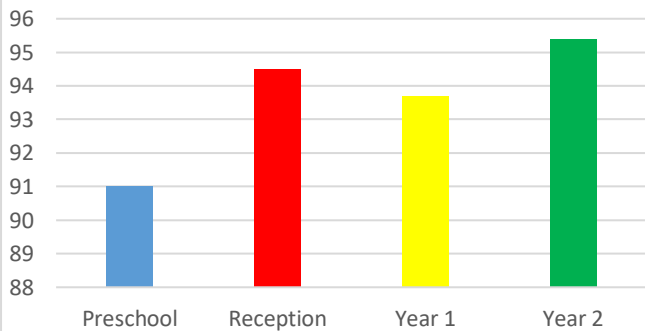
ATTENDANCE REVIEW

AUTUMN TERM

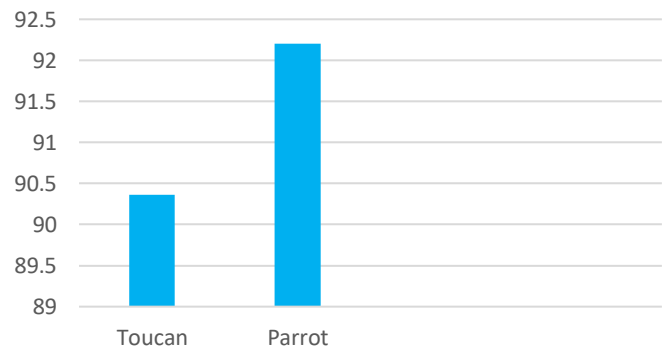
38 possible days this year

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. Please can we encourage you to keep it up for the next half term.

Whole School Attendance



Preschool Attendance



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