



## Viaduct Federation of Schools Pre-school (FS1) Summer 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer

We are so impressed with how much the children have learned this year and it has been amazing to watch them develop their own personalities more. We have been pleased to welcome the new children who started at Easter into Pre-school - they have settled really well. Many of the children are getting ready to go to Reception (FS2) in September. We are helping them to be ready for this big step by practising writing their name and helping them to be more independent when organising their belongings. This term, we look forward to our trip to Bushfield where we will go on a Stickman story hunt, complete obstacle courses and meet some exotic birds to linked to our 'Stickman' and 'Pirates' topic. We will also be focusing on 'Summer' as our first topic for the first week after half term.

### Foundation Stage 1 Teachers



Mrs Roberts  
Parrot and Toucan  
Teacher



Mrs Rawal  
FS1 TA



Mrs Waight  
FS1 TA



Mrs Khurshid  
FS1 TA

### Subject Overviews

#### Writing

This term for the children moving up to FS2, we are continuing Read, Write, Inc sessions. Children will review the letter sounds and practise air writing them. We also practise writing our names. Children will have the opportunity to mark make using a wide range of media including crayons, paint, markers, pencils and through our messy play, which will link to our topics. Some children will practise their pencil grip and writing their names, especially those going to FS2 in September. Children will be encouraged to write letters using the correct letter formation.

#### Reading

We will share stories and poems related to our topics this half term. We will read stories about oceans and Summer such as 'Is It Warm Enough For Ice Cream', 'Rainbow Fish', 'Commotion In The Ocean' and 'Billy's Bucket'. Children will practise oral blending and auditory memory activities to get them ready for reading. We will have many chances to share a wide range of stories together this half term. The children are really good at answering questions about the stories we share in Pre-school and love to act out the stories together. For the children staying in Pre-school, we will be continuing our environmental phonics and listening games.

#### Maths

We will continue to develop our number skills by recognising, writing and matching numerals to quantities. We will develop our simple problem-solving skills using addition and subtraction. We will explore a variety of ways we can measure including by height, length, capacity and weight. We will compare items by size, weight and capacity. We will use mathematical language to describe objects using words like bigger or smaller, heavier or lighter and full or empty. The children will follow and give instructions using positional language.

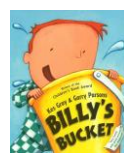


Mrs Presswell  
FS1 TA

## Subject Overviews continued

### **Topic**

Our topics this term are 'Summer' and 'The Seaside'. The children will be introduced to new vocabulary related to our topic. We will discuss Summer and what things we like to do in the warmer weather. Then we will start to explore what we find at the seaside. We will look at the different animals we find in the ocean, and discuss how the sea is different to land. Towards the end of the term we will start to look at books that will help with the transition up to FS2 so we can help the children feel as confident as possible for their move.



### **Personal Social and Emotional**

The children will develop an awareness of the feelings of others through stories. They are continuing to learn how to take turns and share resources and activities. The children will know how to resolve conflicts through talking and know how to be appropriately assertive with the support of adults. They will talk about transitions and changes. We will continue to prepare children who are moving up to Reception through our discussions and stories.

### **Communication and Language**

The children will continue to be introduced to new words linked to our learning through Grandma Fantastic and our Write Stuff lessons. They will begin to use these words in their own discussions. Children will be able to listen to longer stories during and answer questions linked to these stories. They will begin to be able to recall what happened in longer stories. We will ask 'how' and 'why' questions to encourage children to extend their sentences and come up with their own explanations. The children will begin to express their own point of view through our discussions.

### **Physical Development**

Children will practise their Sports Day activities and team games in their PE lessons. They will practise throwing and catching a ball and turn taking. We will also practise our balancing skills through balancing ourselves in different ways and balancing objects on ourselves. Please make sure that the children are suitably dressed on their PE day, which is a Friday.

### **Understanding the World**

The children will learn about Summer and what Summer looks and feels like. We will explore materials and discuss what seaside environments are like. We will also continue to develop our computing skills by programming the Beebots accurately to move from one destination to the other.

### **Expressive Arts and Design**

We will listen to storytelling and create our own stories using props. We will continue to explore musical instruments and how we can change the sounds that they make.

We will also explore adding movements in response to the music we make. Children will have access to a wide range of art and craft materials to develop their ideas and skills in art and design.

***Parent Reminder:***

**We would discourage the children from bringing in toys from home and ask for your support with this please.**

**Now that the weather is getting warmer, please apply sun cream every day as we are unable to apply it. Please send your child in with a labelled sunhat and water bottle.**

**Our PE sessions are Friday AM and Tuesday PM.**

**If your children are in Nursery for these sessions please make sure that you send them in wearing trainers.**

## **Upcoming Events in Summer 2**

- Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> June – Class School Photos
- Wyvern Transition Day TBC
- Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Bushfield School Trip
- Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Day
- Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> July – Reports out
- Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> July - School Disco (during school time)
- Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> July - Last Day of Term

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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!

