



Viaduct Federation of Schools

FS1 Autumn 1 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parent/Carer

We are looking forward to welcoming back our Pre-school children who have been with us since January and April and we are looking forward to helping the new children settle into Wyvern Pre-school. This term we will concentrate on helping children become more independent when their adults drop them off at Pre-school. There are so many fun activities to try and we will help children to explore all areas of the Pre-school with confidence. The children are getting used to the routines in school and are getting to know the adults and children well. If you have any questions about how your child is settling in please do not hesitate to speak to your child's key worker. Our topic this half term is **All about Me** where we will explore our local geography and community.

FS1 Teachers



Mrs Roberts
Parrot and Toucan
Pre-school
Teacher



Mrs Rawal
FS1 TA



Mrs Wright
FS1 TA



Mrs Khurshid
FS1 TA

Subject Overviews

Writing

There will be activities during our independent learning that will strengthen their muscles ready for writing. We will have the opportunity to mark making using a wide range of media including crayons, paint, markers, playdough, pencils and through messy play. The children will begin to recognise that print carries meaning through looking at books and seeing mark making around the Pre-school. Adults will model how to use a pencil or pen to write and children will be working on how to hold the resources correctly.

Reading

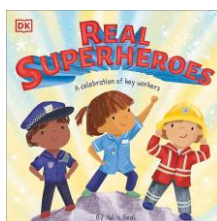
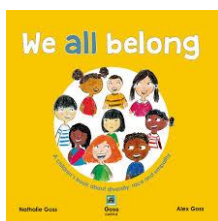
The children will learn Pre-school Rhymes and will be encouraged to join in. Children will explore and listen for rhyming words. They will develop their listening skills as we share lots of books and music. Some of the stories we will read together for our topic this term are 'I like Myself', 'We are all Different and It's Amazing' and 'Colour Monster'. We will have lots of activities during our independent learning related to these stories so that children can explore the topics creatively through their play. At the end of each session we will have story and singing time before going home.

Maths

The children will learn to sing lots of different number songs involving counting forwards and backwards. We will focus on sorting and grouping objects by size, colour or shape. Following on from this we will focus on copying and extending simple patterns.

Topic

Our topics this half term is 'All About Me'. Through our All About Me topic, we will talk about what we like about ourselves, what we are good at and our families. We will explore Wolverton/ where we live.





Mrs Presswell
FS1 TA

Personal Social and Emotional

Children new to Pre-school will focus on settling in this half term. We will be working towards leaving our parents/carers in the morning with a smile. The children are learning many new routines and rules in school, luckily, we have some children from last year to help show them what needs to happen next and where they can find things. We are making lots of new friends and becoming more confident at saying what we need.

Communication and Language

The children will practise listening attentively in a variety of situations. This will be through listening to stories and poems. They will practise joining in with familiar and repeated expressions in these stories. Children will begin to communicate their needs appropriately, including talking about their likes and dislikes and speaking to their friends. Adults will model speaking in full sentences and will encourage the children to use new vocabulary.

Physical Development

Children will be able to explore the outside area in Pre-school where they can use the bikes, balls, balancing equipment as well as our climbing frame. During the children's PE lessons, they will experiment with moving in different ways– crawling, slithering, running, jumping, and hopping. We will encourage the children to become more independent in going to the toilet and putting on their own jackets. Please ask the children to show you how they can do things all by themselves when they are at home. They will also have many opportunities to develop their fine motor skills for example through threading, using tweezers, playing with play dough and mark making.

Understanding the World

The children will explore the similarities and differences between themselves and their families. We will encourage them to talk about how they are the same and different to others in their family. We will be exploring simple routes that the children take like getting to school or to various places in Wolverton.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will listen to storytelling and create our own stories using props. We will experiment with paint using different paint brushes, sponges and printing material as well as learning to mix colours. The children have free access to a variety of paper, materials and tools to create their own pictures. Children will have the opportunity to explore various construction materials to design and build models as well making dens outside.

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

Please make sure that you label every item of 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 counting song we have been learning.

Upcoming Events in Autumn 1

- 9am-10am on Tuesday, 22nd September – Wyvern Open Morning (for new prospective parents)
- Tuesday, 29th September and Wednesday, 30th October – Parent's Evening
- Thursday, 24th September – Phonics and Maths Open Morning

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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!

