



Viaduct Federation of Schools

Reception Autumn 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to Wyvern and to a brand-new school year. We have an exciting Autumn Term planned for FS2. We are looking forward to getting to know your children and help them settle into school life at Wyvern. You will have an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher in September's parent's meetings, but if any issues arise in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact school, and arrange an appointment. Our topics this term will be All About Me, Families, Healthy Eating and Autumn.

Foundation Stage 2 Teachers



Mrs Bennett- Head of FS
& Dolphin Class



Mrs L Polmear-Dolphin Class



Mrs Kirk- Penguin Class

Subject Overviews

Writing

This half term we will be practising our pencil control in FS2. The children will have many opportunities to mark make in shaving foam, paint, and practise their cutting skills through our independent learning. All these activities will help strengthen children's fingers in preparation for writing. We are also very excited to introduce children to our handwriting scheme. I'm sure you will see your child's writing go from strength to strength. We will introduce letter sounds and formation through our Read Write Inc sessions which will begin week 4.

Reading

Children will be introduced to all the single letter sounds and some special friends this term through our daily Read Write Inc. sessions. We will introduce oral blending opportunities so that children can hear sounds in words and blend them together. This is an important skill for children to develop in reading. Children will have access to story books in all our learning areas to encourage a love of books.

Maths

This year we will be basing our Maths teaching on the White Rose Math scheme. We will begin by exploring mathematical concepts such as matching and sorting. We will have plenty of chances to practise these skills during choosing time. We will begin to compare amounts and features of objects such as size and mass through our Maths inputs. We will also explore pattern during this term to help prepare us to work with numerals next term.



Miss Ahmed– Penguin Class



Mrs Lloyd– Seal Class

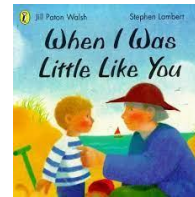
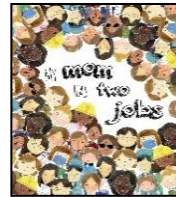
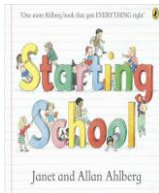


Miss R Arscott– Seal Class

Subject Overviews continued...

Topic

Our topic this half term is 'All About Me', where we will learn about, and celebrate, our differences. We will be learning about our families including where our grown-ups work and how things were different for our grandparents. We will also explore healthy eating and dental hygiene. Towards the end of term, we will learn about the changes of seasons through our Autumn topic.



Personal Social and Emotional

Children will discuss what makes them happy, sad, excited, etc. We will learn about what makes a good friendship and how to play within groups. School rules and expectations for behaviour will be reinforced during the school day during all activities. The children will have the opportunity to take part in turn taking opportunities through play and circle time.

Communication and Language

The children will have the opportunity to talk about what they like about school. They will be encouraged to listen during class circle times and respond appropriately to questions. All children will be able to express their own ideas. We will introduce new vocabulary during our Write Stuff Literacy lessons and will refer to these as 'Grandma Fantastic' words. We will be listening to stories every day and talking about events will continue throughout the year.

Physical Development

Children will have access to the FS2 outdoor area during continuous provision where they will practise den building, running, climbing, throwing, and catching to develop our gross motor skills. The children will also be introduced to various animal poses to help them become successful writers. Some of the poses we will learn are meerkat, gorilla, stone lion, penguin, and lizard. We will practise holding the pencil. The children will also have their weekly PE lessons inside and outside.

Music

In Music, our focus will be on beat and tempo. Using the topic "All About Me", we will sing echo songs as well as perform movement. We will also practise playing instruments to a steady beat. We will also sing and play sounds at different speeds.

Understanding the World

The children will use their senses as they explore similarities and differences between themselves and others as part of our inclusion and diversity topic. Children will also compare and discover different items that you would find at the seaside now and in the past. We will discuss grandparents and how things are different now to when they were growing up. We will also learn about healthy lifestyles and how to look after ourselves. Finally, we will investigate changes in the seasons as we venture on an Autumn hunt and observe the changes we can see, feel and hear.

ICT

Children will use the interactive white board in class to explore our topics this term. They will take turns using the board and begin to understand how to find out information using ICT. They will use ICT for a purpose and understand that information can be retrieved using ICT. We will also practise operating different programme on Ipads in school.

Expressive Arts and Design

As we extend our inclusion and diversity topic "All About Me" into arts and design we will be exploring what makes us unique. The children will explore their features and express these using resources like paints, pens, chalk and play dough whilst mixing colour. This will also give the children the opportunity to use different equipment to develop their fine motor skills and creativity.

Parent Reminder. Please ensure your child brings in their PE kit the first day of term with labelled clothing. **FS2 have PE every Wednesday.**

Homework

Maths

Reading - Children will bring home Library books for you to read. Please ask children questions about what is happening in the story and get them to retell events in their own words. Children will bring Read Write Inc books in after a few weeks. Many children will have books without words. These are for you to discuss and for children to use the pictures to create a story. Please write in the reading record when you read Phonics books at home with your children.

Maths- Practise counting objects and actions to 10. Can your children recognise any of the numbers in the environment (door numbers and signs are good places to look).

Topic-

Families- Please have the children bring in a photo or draw a picture of their family. Can they remember a special time for the family and talk about it? Why was it special for them?

Healthy Eating- Can children make a fruit salad at home? What fruit would they put in their fruit salad? Challenge them to try at least one new fruit or vegetable. Why is it healthy?

Autumn- Go on an Autumn walk and collect autumn treasure. Make a collage out of your treasure.

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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