Viaduct Federation of Schools

FS1 Autumn 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer

We are very pleased with how well the children have settled into Wyvern 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.**

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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 and class dough disco sessions 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

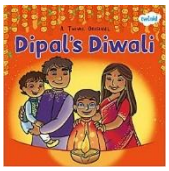
We will share many stories related to our topic this half term. Some of the stories we will read together are The Story of Rama and Sita, Handa's Surprise, How to Brush your teeth with Snappy Crocodile, Winters Here and The Snowflake. Through our stories children will learn new vocabulary associated 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 making sounds with our mouths and body percussion, hearing rhyming words, identifying sounds and clapping our syllables in words.

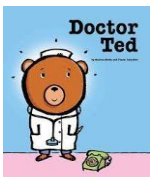
Maths

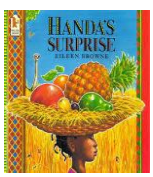
In Maths, we will practise counting forwards and backwards to 10. We will count out objects trying really hard to use one to one correspondence. We will also explore each number individually, looking at the composition and numbers in real life situations.

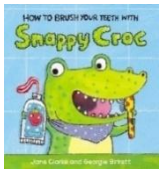
Topic

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 Diwali and we will develop our vocabulary around this celebration! Through our role play, we will get a chance to pretend to be chef's in our healthy café, dentists, serve customers in our fruit and veg shop as well as a doctor's surgery for the children to explore.

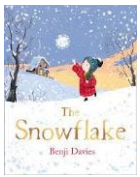














Mrs Pressswell
FS1 TA

Personal Social and Emotional

The children will become more independent within Preschool, 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 AM and Friday PM) 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

Children will explore Diwali and Being Healthy. They will discover what people do to celebrate different occasions Including Diwali. They will begin to name the items associated with Diwali and how it is celebrated. We will explore the signs of Autumn by going on an Autumn walk around the school. Within our topic on healthy eating we will explore different food groups saying if they are healthy or not healthy. 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 lessons, we will explore different instruments and the different ways we can play them. We will also start learning our Christmas songs. In Phonics lessons, we will be using music to learn familiar rhymes and songs, keep the beat of music and listen to long and short sounds.

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. We will also be looking at how the characters are feeling.

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

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

Our Library day is Wednesday. Please return library books on this day so that can swap them for a new one. Have fun reading a range of stories at home.

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

Some of the familiar songs and rhymes we are singing in preschool:

5 Little ducks go swimming one day, 5 Little speckled frogs, HEAD SHOULDERS KNEES AND TOES, Old Macdonald had a farm, Cows in the kitchen, HORSEY HORSEY, THe wheels on the bus go round and round, 5 Little monkeys jumping on the bed and 5 Little men in a flying saucer.

Upcoming Events in Autumn 2

- Tuesday 3rd November - Open Morning/Evening for new parents
- Monday 16th November - Individual School photos
- Friday 11th December - Christmas Jumper day
- Monday 14th December - School Performances

BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE

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

Every Day Counts....

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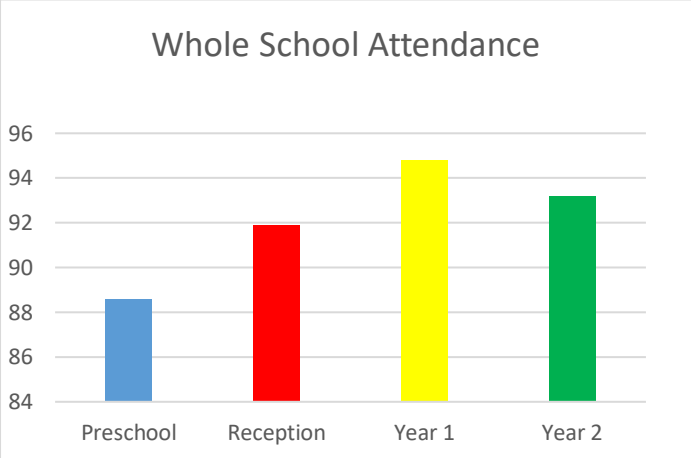
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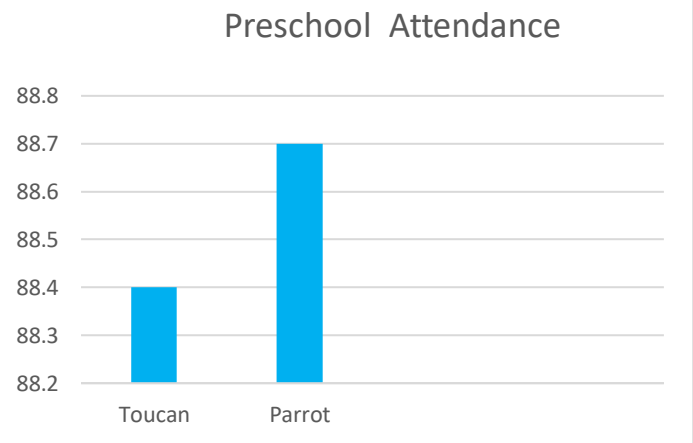
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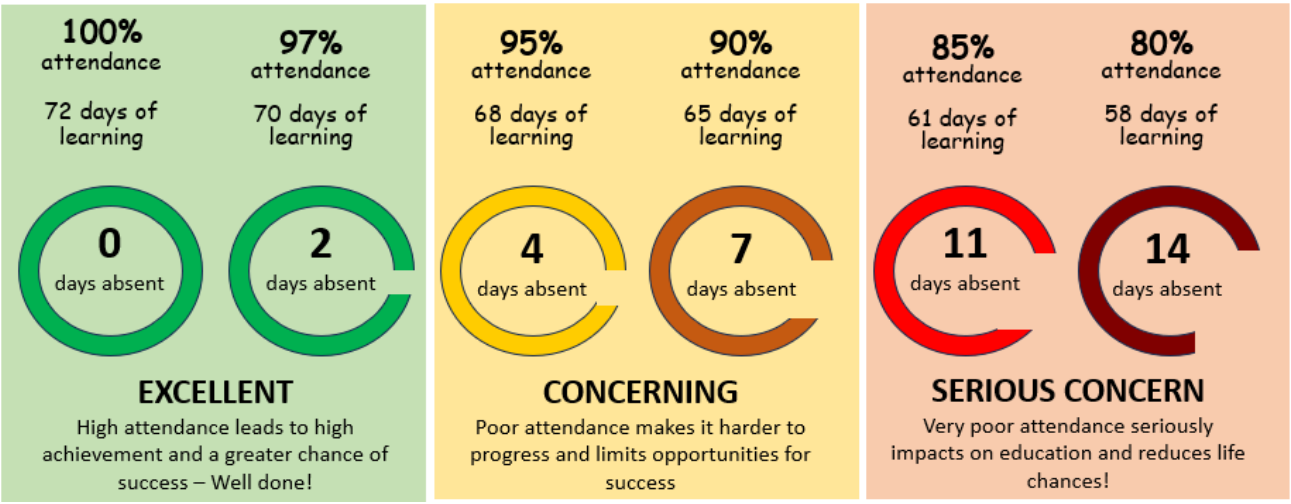
AUTUMN TERM

37 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.







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