

Viaduct Federation of Schools

Year 1 Autumn 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to Wyvern and to a brand new half term. We have an exciting second part of the Autumn term planned for Year 1. Our theme this term will be 'Space'. As part our topic we have booked for a mobile planetarium to come into school, which promises to be an amazing insight into The Solar System. We are so excited to see the children's reaction to this.

Subject Overview

English

Year 1 will be focusing on our topic 'Space', writing narratives based on the text 'The Way Back Home'. We will continue focusing on speaking and listening, using 'and' to join words as well as making nouns interesting by using adjectives. The children will also be developing their independent writing, focussing on sentences with capital letters and full stops.

Maths

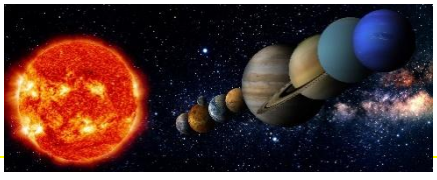
Children will start the half term by completing the unit on addition and subtraction. They will be focusing on adding one or two in a variety of different contexts. They will combine all the methods and approaches they have seen so far in this unit. They will decide for the first time whether the question is an addition or a subtraction. So far, they have only seen each skill in isolation. We will be encouraging children to make connections between adding or subtracting one and adding or subtracting two. At the end of the half term children start by looking at 3-D shapes, as these are tangible shapes that they can touch and feel to help understand their identifying features. Children will be making links to previous learning and will start to think about the 2-D faces on a 3-D shape, as this will support them later when they look at 2-D shapes in detail.

Reading and Spelling

Children will be continuing RWI which they are familiar with from Reception. They will be reviewing their set 1 special friends and begin to confidently use their set 2 sounds when segmenting and blending. They will have two daily session which will consist of daily reading and spelling of words. During their daily Guided Reading session, children will have the opportunity to read, share, discuss and respond to a core text. Children will be changing their reading book on a Friday during their RWI session. We ask that children read each day for 10 minutes. Each child in Year 1 will be issued with a level-appropriate reading book and two online reading books provided by school. It really helps their progress if they are heard regularly at home, and we would be grateful if you could sign their Personal Log each time you hear them.

Science

In Science, we will be working on improving our investigation skills on materials, we will identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock. We will distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made. Then we will complete an assortment of experiments and perform simple tests using everyday materials and describe simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials. At the end of the topic, we will identify opaque and transparent materials.





History

In History, we are going to be developing an awareness of the lives of significant individuals in the past. These will include Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong.

Computing

In Computing, learners will develop their understanding of technology and how it can help them in their everyday lives. They will start to become familiar with the different components of a computer by developing their keyboard and mouse skills. Learners will also consider how to use technology responsibly.

DT

This half term we will be making 'space hubs'. The children will be given a brief to design a home for an astronaut living on the moon. We will start by investigating different materials and how they can be fixed together. We will be designing, making and evaluating the space hubs.

R.E

This half term we will be focussing on world views. The children will learn be able to discuss own beliefs and will begin to explore the differences in world views, religions, and belief. They will also learn about what, and how people with non-religious views celebrate and what they find important.

PE

In PE the children will be participating in badminton and outside they will be learning how to play invasion games.

Year 1 children have PE on a Thursday - please can you make sure the children are wearing a warm PE kit as the weather will start getting colder.

Music

In Year 1 we have a specialist music lead, Mrs Rawlence, who works with the children once a week to develop a wider appreciation for music and musical styles. This term the focus is on music about 'Space'.

Upcoming Events in Year 1

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

- Wednesday 18th November – Planetarium in school
- Monday 16th November - individual school photos
- Monday 6th November – Odd Socks Day
- Friday, 11th December - Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch
- Monday, 14th - school performances

Attendance Matters

Every Day Counts....

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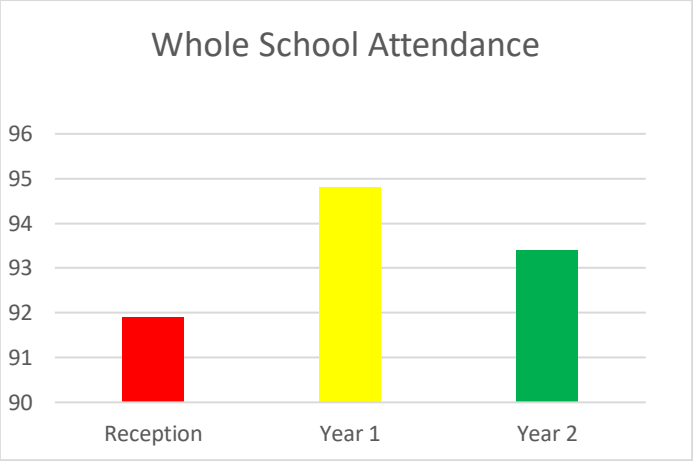
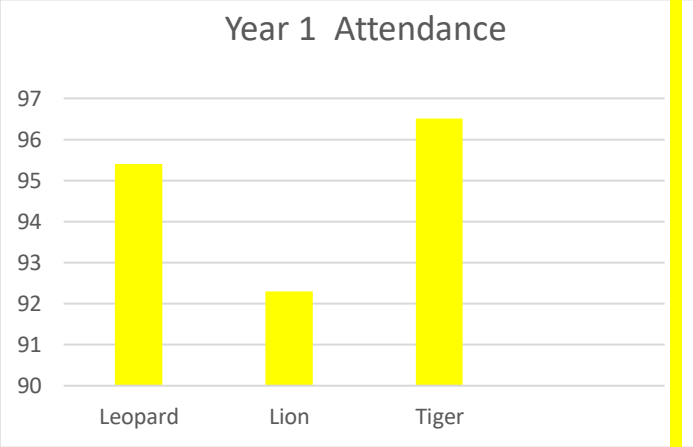
ATTENDANCE REVIEW

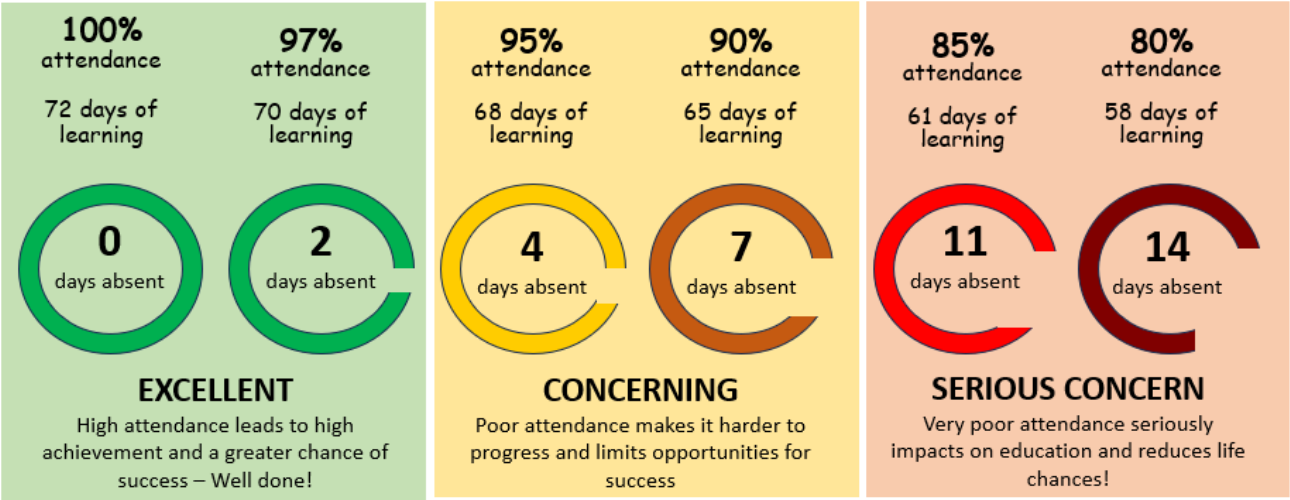
AUTUMN TERM

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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