

Receptions Newsletter Spring Term 2019

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Reception's topic this term is Transport, asking the question

"How will we get there?"

Personal, Social, Emotional Development - We will be talking about how we celebrate the New Year and we will think about a New Year's Resolution. We will be talking about similarities and differences between religious celebrations, looking at how people celebrate Chinese New Year, Shrove Tuesday and St David's Day. The children will continue to develop skills of independence through dressing and undressing, attempting unfamiliar task and by being given small responsibilities. Children will also develop their turn taking and sharing skills. They will also continue to do their zips independently.

Communication and Language - This term we will be talking about journeys and different modes of transport. We will go on imaginary journeys and discuss what we might see. Children will learn to orally retell and to make up their own stories. They will use props to role play new stories and will be encouraged to listen to others' ideas during play.

Physical Development - In PE lessons, children will be learning to play some simple games. They will learn to use the space safely. Children will also use a variety of equipment such as bats, balls and bean bags to develop their co-ordination. They will learn about the effects exercise has on their bodies. In dance they will learn to move in different ways to music. In Funky Fingers they will continue to carry out a range of fine motor activities to help to strengthen their fingers in preparation for writing.

Literacy Development - We will be continuing to learn lots of new sounds. They will learn to blend new sounds to read and spell simple words. They will also practise writing their own simple sentences using a range of high frequency words. They will be encouraged to use capital letters and full stops. We will read stories based on journeys. Please continue to encourage your child to read their reading book as many times as possible and ask questions about what they have read. Please fill in the Reading Record book every time your child reads their book.

Mathematics Development - during child-initiated and adult directed activities, children will be encouraged to count to 20 and recognise and write these numerals. They will order number cards as well as match sets of objects to numerals. Through practical activities the children will learn about the process of addition and subtraction and will use the words more / less. In 'Shape, Space and Measure' children will learn about size and 2D and 3D shapes.

Understanding of the World - We will be learning about different modes of transport, learnt how some of them work and begin to compare similarities and difference between them. We will also learn about the different celebrations of Chinese New Year, Shrove Tuesday and St David's Day.

Expressive Arts and Design - In music we will learn to sing some new songs linked to transport and will play simple percussion instruments in time to the music. In art we will use 'junk' materials to build transport, selecting materials and find ways to join them together.

Share your child's achievements

Please don't forget to be looking out for any WOW Moments your child has, these maybe writing, reading, counting or even using the computer.

Share this in our class WOW box which is on the way into reception classroom or on Tapestry.

Please ensure that if your child has an accident and we lend them clothes that you return them to school as soon as possible. Also if you have any clothes that your child has grown out of or no longer needs we would be grateful of the donations as our clothing supply is running low.

Reception children can choose to learn outdoors whatever the weather! Please provide weather appropriate clothing each day to allow your child the freedom to learn outside e.g. a coat, hat etc. Please ensure all clothing is named.