



# Reception Class Newsletter Summer 2021

Welcome back and we hope you all had a lovely Easter break. We appreciate all the work you did with the children over the lockdown period and we have been so pleased to see how well the children have settled back into the school routine with all their classmates. The year is speeding by and this is our final term before the summer holidays and the transition in to Year 1. In order to make that transition as smooth as possible, this term the children will be having their afternoon fruit outside like the Year 1 children and towards the end of the term we will focus on transition activities to support their move into Year 1.

## **Topic**

Our topic this term is 'We're Off On A Journey'. We will be investigating different types of vehicles and journeys to different places. We will be reading a range of stories and poems involving vehicles and journeys and using non-fiction books to help us research types of transport and vehicles from the past. We will be using and creating maps of journeys both real and imagined. Part of our topic will focus on roads and the children will be designing their own towns and thinking about road safety. We will be investigating journeys in a variety of modes of transport including; trains, buses, aeroplanes, ships and rockets and the children will be developing their imaginative skills through outdoor role play. Paintings and music including 'Starry Night' by Van Gogh and 'The Planet Suite' by Holst will be the starting point for the children to express their ideas and preferences and develop their own art work and music. The children will be exploring their school outside environment and carrying out investigations in to how different vehicles move. After half term we will be looking at our environment in more detail and the plants and creatures that we find there. We will be looking at a range of mini-beasts and having lots of fun finding them in our outside area.

## **Communication, Language and Literacy**

The children are progressing well with their phonics and are working on using their sounds to blend and segment words both orally and when reading and writing simple sentences. This term our focus will be on encouraging the children to read and write words and sentences as independently as possible. We will be using a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry as starting points for our reading and writing including 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', 'The Train Ride', 'The Hundred Decker Bus', 'Don't Chat to the Bus Driver', 'Mr. Gumpy's Outing' and 'Mr. Gumpy's Motor Car'. The children will be writing for a range of purposes and their writing will include writing lists, labels, captions, and sentences.

### **Mathematical Development**

This term we will focus on numbers to 20 and beyond, counting, estimating, ordering numbers, recognising numerals and counting on and back from a given number. We will be having lots of fun solving practical problems using addition and subtraction, doubling, halving and sharing, partitioning sets of objects and reading and writing simple addition and subtraction sums. We will be looking at patterns, 3D shapes, weighing, measuring and comparing, recognising coins of different values and using money in problem solving and measuring short periods of time in simple ways. The children will be carrying out a traffic survey and using the data to make pictograms.

### **P.E**

The Reception class will be taking part in P.E sessions every Monday and every third Wednesday this term. For safety reasons, if your child wears earrings, please remove them on P.E days. Please ensure that all your child's kit and school uniform is clearly named so that we are able to identify and return any lost items.

### **Water Bottles**

Please can I remind you that we encourage the children to bring a water bottle each day. It is very important that the children have the opportunity to drink throughout the day as this benefits their development and learning. We do ask that parents put **water** in the bottles, not juice, as water is healthier for the children, we can refill them when needed and when spillages occur we don't have such a sticky mess!

### **Warm weather**

Hopefully we will have some lovely warm weather this term. If the weather is particularly warm, please ensure that your child has had sun cream applied **before** they come to school and that they have a hat with them. If you send sun cream with your child, they will need to be able to apply it themselves and it will need to be labelled.

### **Reading books**

The children are doing well with their reading and we appreciate all the practise you do with them at home. We recommend that they practise with you daily whenever possible and please don't forget to write in their blue books. Please ensure reading books and/or word bags/boxes are in bags so that we can hear the children read and change their books.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs. Daniel and Mrs Davis