



## Topic: Transport

We hope you had a fun-filled half term, it was great to see the children so keen to come back into school this week!

This term our topic is all about different forms of transport, which, knowing my class, I think the children will really enjoy! Learning will begin with carefully chosen texts which will introduce new vocabulary, encourage discussion and inspire children to explore and develop their understanding of the world and how things work, as well as sharing their own experiences. It will give us the opportunity to develop the children's understanding of people and communities (including key people in transport history such as Amy Johnson), as well as offering lots of creative opportunities. We will also be able to explore some scientific concepts to consider how things work and are made/designed, as well as encouraging the children to develop their own creative skills. Feel free to share your own conversations and activities at home around the subject, they help to build a broad picture of the children's understanding and skills.

The children take part in age specific phonics sessions each day, with Nursery preparing for phonics and Reception consolidating Phase 3 and moving on to Phase 4. Support and information is available on our website linked to this, we also had an Early Reading Workshop in November- slides from which can be shared upon request.

This term, Reception children will really be focusing on how they can apply their newly learnt reading skills to writing- working on handwriting and segmenting to spell. If you would like any extra support or resources to practise letter formation at home, please just ask. Establishing the correct formations is essential at this point in the children's education, to prevent having to undo any bad habits later in their school journey.

The children also take part in daily 'mastery in number sessions' to develop their understanding of numerical concepts within 10. The children dig very deeply into composition, comparison and cardinality, as well as recognising patterns and developing mathematical vocabulary. Any opportunity to apply these skills to different contexts is always useful, if you would like any ideas, please just ask.

Our EYFS curriculum is always open ended and child led as we aim to provide the most stimulating opportunities for the children to apply their learning to different contexts. Themes and questioning support the children to explore different areas and lead their learning where their interests take them. Play is a key component of our curriculum as it allows the children to cement and process their new learning.

You can follow your child's journey on Tapestry, where we share our observations, and you can also share activities and progress at home. If you do not yet have access to this, please let a member of the team know.

As we move into the second half of the school year, we are now really encouraging independence, particularly in Reception children, in preparation for Year 1. Any way that you could support with this at home would be brilliant!

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to ask one of the team.

Miss Uney and the EYFS/Key Stage 1 Team

### Reading

Reception children will continue to bring a 'Reading Practice Book' home, which has already been read at school. Please read this as much as possible and record this in their reading records. Books should be returned each Friday to be changed.

Reading for pleasure remains a brilliant way to enjoy books with your child. Talking about books and sharing ideas is so valuable as the children begin their reading journey.

The children will visit the library each week to choose a book to share with you.

Reading Afternoon is open to all parents/grandparents each Thursday at 3pm- please add your name to the list at the gate if you wish to attend and read a book with your child and a small group of their friends.

**World Book Day** will take place on **Thursday 7th March**, on which children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. There will also be lots of other exciting activities planned.



### Spring 2 Class Texts

Among others, we will be exploring the following texts this half term:

The Hundred Decker Bus  
The Lost Property Office  
Lost and Found  
Rosie Revere Engineer  
Little Wings



### PE Kits and Forest Schools

**Please ensure your child always has their PE kit in school.**

Reception will have PE on a Monday and Friday.  
Nursery will now have PE on a **Monday** morning.

Children will be taking part in Outdoor Learning during this half term on a **Wednesday**. Please ensure they have suitable waterproof clothing for outdoor learning in all weathers.