

'Off We Go!'

Reception Newsletter - Term 3

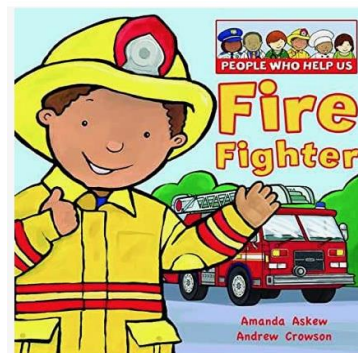
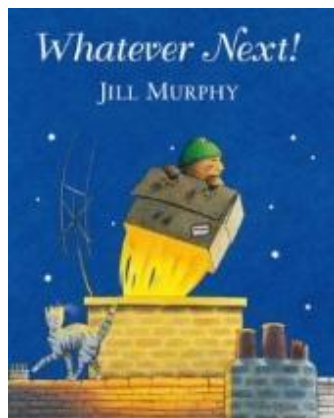
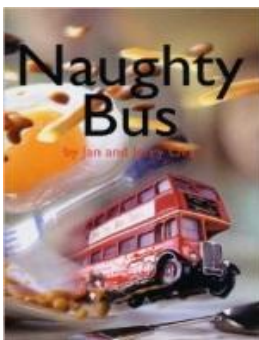


Dear Parents,

Thank you for all of your support this term. The children have settled into school life and made so much progress already we can't wait to see this continue next term. We hope you have a lovely Christmas break.

Our next topic is 'Off We Go!' where we will be learning about different types of transport and the journeys that they can take us on. We will also be looking closely at how transport such as cars, buses and planes have changed since they were first invented. In addition, we will be looking at the emergency services and what each one does to help us and the local community. We will also be exploring Chinese New Year.

Key Texts



Literacy:

Our focus in literacy this term is to secure our phonic knowledge as well as introducing the new phase 3 digraphs. We will be using these to write words, sentences in letters, instructions and stories. Our phonic and tricky word knowledge will help us to read key texts, share and discuss new stories. The fiction texts we will be looking at are 'The Naughty Bus' and 'Whatever Next!' We will also be exploring some non-fiction books to find out about people who help us and vehicles.

The main part of the topic is to use the vocabulary associated with all different types of vehicles and jobs and how they are similar and different. We will also be looking at maps to see where different countries and cities are and how we might get there.

Maths:

We will be continuing to secure our number skills by learning number bonds within 10 and then exploring addition and subtraction with games and activities. We will be looking at data handling by counting vehicles. We will continue to explore money through our play.

Home Learning

Thanks to constant practice, the children's reading is developing well. Thank you to all of you who support this at home. It really does make a difference. Please ensure you are reading with your child at **least 3 times a week** and writing these reads in their **reading record**. We look at these every Friday as each read is counted and combined to build our reading score for celebration assembly. The phonics home learning sheets are included in these and can be written about in their reading record too.

Reading	Please read with your child regularly, even if it is just for a few minutes. Please focus on blending sounds together and focusing on recognising tricky words. When your child is reading if you can encourage them to sound out the words in their head and then say the word out loud.
Little Wandle	Reading packs will continue to come home with tasks for you to work together on. These sheets will also show what we have been doing in the previous week during our phonics lessons meaning you can see what we have been working on together.
Maths	To help consolidating the children's counting. Please spend time counting objects around the house and out and about one to one with confidence to 10.

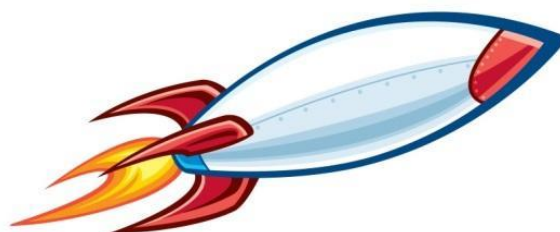
Super Home Challenges!

You might like to choose one of the following activities to try with your child at home. You can bring these into school whenever they are finished to share with the class.

- Go on a journey, take photos of how you got there and tell us about what you saw.
- Make a model of a new vehicle and give it a name! Be as creative as you can!
- Make a story about one of your vehicles at home that has been getting into trouble like the naughty bus! You could take photos to tell the story.

Key Vocabulary for the term:

Vehicle	Travel
Bus	Community
Car	Signs
Train	Emergency Services
Journey	999
Space	Wheels



Websites and Links

- www.phonicsplay.co.uk Phase 2,3 and 4 games, blending sounds and words.
- If you wish to make learning games to have fun at home, you can print from www.twinkl.co.uk and browse the EYFS Reception section.
- www.cbeebies.co.uk for Number Blocks
- All information for the term is also on the school website.

Quick Reminders

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a **water bottle** and their **book bags and reading folders each day**.
- Can the children please always have a coat in school particularly as the British weather is unpredictable.
- Our PE day is Tuesday, but **PE kits should be in all week**.
- Please can all children have a spare set of underwear and socks in their bag in case of any accidents. It is much more comforting for children to have their own change of clothes to put on if the need arises.

Wheel Week - Week 3

We will be asking you to bring in your wheeled ride on toys such as bikes or scooters on Monday 16th January 2023. We will use these to inspire our writing, counting and measuring as well as building up gross motor skills.

If you have any unusual vehicles such as an old bicycle, a tractor or a vintage car that you would be able to bring in and talk to us about, please let us know. Also if you have any models or photos of unusual transport then we would love to see them.

Miss Hunt

As I'm sure many of you know in term 1 we had a student teacher (Miss Hunt) in our classroom. She is a final year student at the University of Sussex training to be a primary school teacher. This term she will be taking on a bigger role in the classroom with support from Ms Eldridge and Myself. I'm sure your children will be talking more and more about her so wanted to take this opportunity to tell you who she is in case you didn't know. It is a great opportunity for the children and the school, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Thank you for your continued support and please do not hesitate to come and see me if you have any questions.

Miss Boswell