

# 'Off We Go!'

## Reception Newsletter - Term 3



Dear Parents,

Thank you for all your support throughout the children's Autumn terms. They have settled into school life and made so much progress already and have really established themselves within the school community. We hope you have a lovely Christmas break and look forward to hearing about their celebrations after Christmas and the New Year. This will help our learning surrounding the Chinese New Year next term.

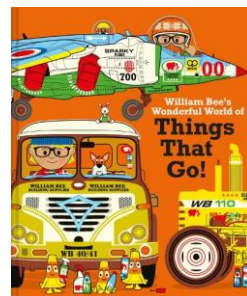
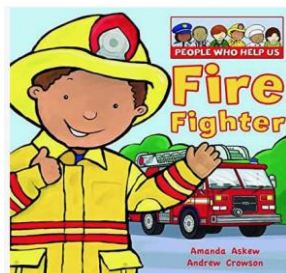
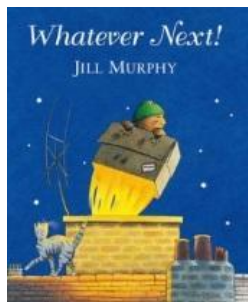
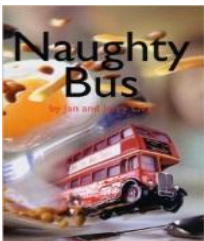
Our next topic is 'Off We Go!' where we will be learning about different types of transport and the journeys that they can take us on. We will also be looking closely at how transport such as cars, buses and planes have changed since they were first invented. In addition, we will be looking at the emergency services and what each one does to help us and the local community – we are hoping to take a trip to the Fire Station, and information surrounding this trip will follow when we have a confirmed date.

### Wheel Week - Week 3

We will be asking you to bring in your wheeled ride on toys such as bikes or scooters on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 connections to, or own, any unusual vehicles such as an old bicycle, a tractor, or a vintage car that you would be able to talk to us about, please let us know.

### 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, 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 0-5 and learning about the numbers 6, 7 & 8. We will be looking at data handling by counting vehicles. We will begin to explore measurement including capacity, mass, length, height, and time.

### 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.
- Measure/weigh different things around your home using different measurement tools and scales.

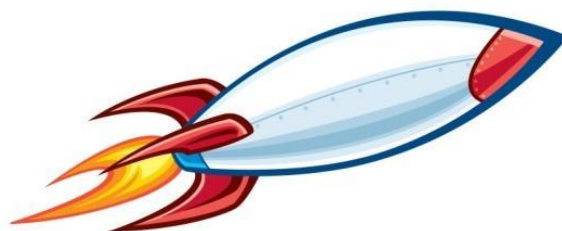
### Weekly Home Learning

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 their records every Friday as each read is counted and combined to build our reading score for celebration assembly.

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.  Their weekly letter highlights key sounds, words, and focus spellings for each week.
Little Wandle	Reading books will continue to come home. Please see the inside page of the book for ideas, questions and comprehension prompts to discuss with your child.
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.

### Key Vocabulary for the term:

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



### Quick Reminders

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a **coat, water bottle** and their **book bags and reading folders each day**.
- Our PE day is Wednesday, 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.

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

Merry Christmas, and we look forward to seeing you all in January!

Love,

Miss Taylor & Miss Waterman

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