



'Off We Go!'

Dear Oak Families,

Thank you for all your support throughout the 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 we look forward to hearing about their celebrations after Christmas and the New Year.

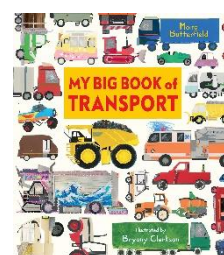
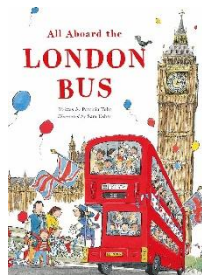
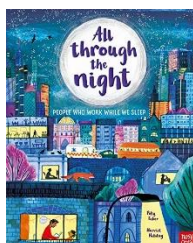
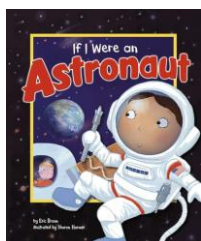
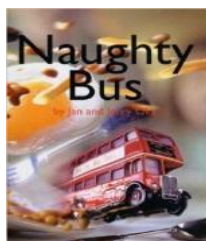
Our next topic is '**Off We Go!**' where we will be learning about the different types of transport and the journeys that they can take us on. We will also be looking closely at how transport such as cars, buses and planes work, and how they have changed since they were first invented. We will also be looking at how transport is used in the emergency services to help the local community and us – we have arranged a visit from Sussex Police to show us their equipment, vehicles and to discuss all that they do! Additionally, we are hoping to take a trip to Uckfield Fire Station in week 4, and information surrounding this trip will follow shortly.

If you have any connections to, or work in different industries yourself, we would love to hear from doctors, dentists, nurses, firefighters, etc. It would be great to hear about your job and the things that you do to help others.

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 or falls. It is much more comforting for children to have their own change of clothes to put on if the need arises.

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.

The main part of the topic is to use the vocabulary associated with all different types of vehicles and jobs. 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, exploring measurement including capacity, mass, length, height, and time.



Home Support

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 around **3 times a week** and adding these reads to Boom Reader.

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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, we are also practicing how 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!) with confidence to 10.

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, Ms Eldridge & Miss Waterman