

'Off We Go!'

Reception Newsletter - Term 3

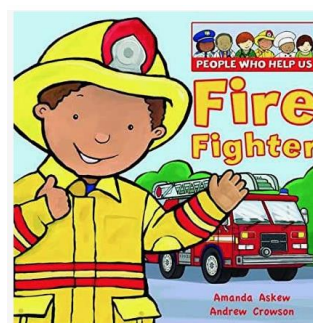
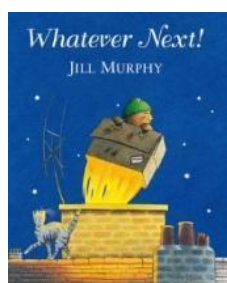
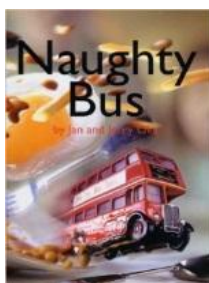


Dear Parents,

Welcome back and we hope you all had a lovely Christmas holiday.

Our 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 to write words, sentences, instructions, letters and stories through talk for writing. In reading, our phonics knowledge, high frequency and tricky words will develop further from our reading of key texts and sharing and discussing new stories together. 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.

Maths: We will be continuing to secure our number skills by learning number bonds 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.

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

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.

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 reading the high frequency words and tricky words. We will be checking the books to see how much reading the children are doing at home. This will take place every Monday. The children should be reading a minimum of 3 times a week.
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Little Wandle	Home learning books will continue to come home with tasks for you to work together on. Please use the books to complete these and then bring them in weekly.
Word reading	We want to help the children with their frequency of word reading. We therefore are going to start sending home words for the children to be able to sight read. We will check these weekly and when they have read them automatically 2 weeks in a row they will move up to the next set of words. You will find these stuck into their Home Learning Books.
Maths	To help consolidate the children's counting. Please spend time counting objects around the house one to one with confidence to 10 and their knowledge of 1 more and 1 less. .

Super Home Challenges!

You might like to choose one of the following activities to try with your child at home. You can record these in your home learning book and 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 how long it took.
- Make a model of a new vehicle and give it a name! Be as creative as you can!
- Write a story about one of your vehicles at home that has been getting into trouble like the naughty bus!

Websites and Links

- www.purplemash.com for Literacy and Maths games and transport themed projects.
- 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 bag each day**.
- Can the children please always have a coat in school particularly as the British weather is unpredictable.
- Our PE days are Monday and Friday so they can come into school in their PE kits.
- 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. We will use these to inspire our writing, counting and measuring.

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 of unusual transport then we would love to see them.

Thank you for your continued support and please do not hesitate to come and see us if you have any questions or comments. From Mrs Healy and Mrs May

Key Vocabulary for the term:

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

