

'Off We Go!'

Dear Willows Families,

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and thank you for all your support throughout the autumn term. The children have settled into school life, they have already made progress and have really established themselves within the school community.

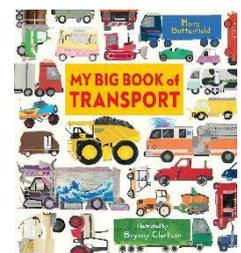
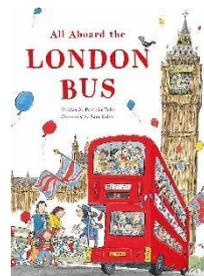
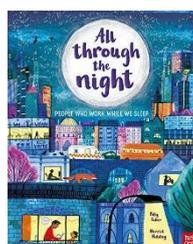
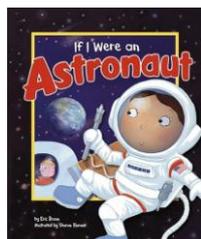
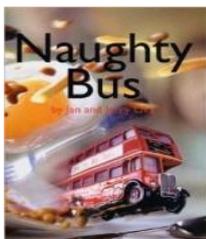
Our next topic is '**Off We Go!**' where we will be learning about the different types of transport and the journeys that they can take us on. We will also be looking closely at how transport such as cars, buses and planes work, and how they have changed since they were first invented. We will also be looking at how transport is used in the emergency services to help us and the local community.

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 make sure your child brings in a **coat, water bottle** and their **book bags and reading folders each day**.
- Our PE days are Monday and Friday.
- 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.
- Please can we have no toys from home in school, as these could get lost or broken.

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 and 8. We will be looking at data handling by counting vehicles, exploring measurement including capacity, mass, length, height, and time.



Home Support

Thank you to all of you who support with reading 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.

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 aloud.
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 outside!) 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.

Kind Regards,

Mrs. Healy, Miss Caddick, Mrs. Foot and Mrs. Mateides