



Curriculum Newsletter



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Nursery

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Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will continue to focus on well-being, feelings and rebuilding friendships through circle times, games and adult support during play and learn activities. We will develop our skills when playing as part of a group, responding to others' ideas and beginning to resolve problems with more independence using strategies we've learnt so far.

Books we will be reading

There are so many brilliant stories about transport. These are the stories we will focus on in Nursery, but please share as many as you can at home. [Please Don't Chat to the Bus Driver](#) [The Train Ride](#) [Emergency! Duck in the Truck](#) [Brilliant boats](#) Your child may find a favourite and want to hear it again and again!

Mathematics

We will look closely at numbers [1-10](#) again this half term, practise 1:1 counting skills and numeral recognition. We will explore ways of representing numbers on our fingers and with marks on paper. We will be comparing groups of objects to see which has more/less. Have a look at the [Key Instant Recall Facts](#) that we work on in Nursery.

Physical Development

We will be building our strength and coordination on the trim trail and the climbing equipment in the garden. Now the weather has improved, visit the park or the woods to help develop these important muscles. In PE on Mondays and Wednesdays we will develop our throwing, catching and ball skills. We will continue to be [active and healthy](#), and take part in wake and shake dances with [Koo Koo Kangaroo](#).

Our Topic:

Trains, Tugs and Trucks

Click on the [blue](#) hyperlinks for stories, activities, videos and games to lock in your learning at home.

Diary dates

Monday 3rd May 2021

May Day bank holiday

Thursday 27th May 2021

Last day of the half term.

Communication and Language

We will be learning the concepts; behind, out, bottom, first and last with our friend Concept Cat. Use these words and actions during games and playing together at home to help your child remember them.

Nursery Narrative will focus on where we find different types of transport and what happens in the stories we read. We will continue to develop our listening skills, please encourage your child to follow simple instructions and to listen to all the words. We will also develop our vocabulary related to transport such as their names, features and uses.

Understanding the World

We will be learning about different types of transport on land, sea and in the air. The children will look closely at their features and what each is used for. During our fun in the forest sessions we will be building homes for minibeasts and going on lots of hunts to see what creatures we can find. We will learn how to develop care and concern for living things and their habitats.

Expressive Arts and Design

This half term we will be creating art using the wheels from different modes of transport. We will use big boxes to build cars, trains, planes etc and role play being some of the people you might meet on them. We will use playdough/junk modelling materials to invent some of our own transport and learn these new songs together; [We All Go Travelling By. The Journey Home From Grandpa's](#)

Literacy

We will share a range of stories and non-fiction books about transport and use them to ask and answer who, what, where and how questions. We will develop our blending and segmenting skills by playing games and using our robot arms. We will continue exploring rhymes and alliteration through games and stories. We will continue our 'Write Dance' work to develop our large muscles for writing.

Independence in Nursery

The children in Nursery are working so hard to develop their independence skills and we are so proud of them. The skills we will be working on are;

- putting our coats and jumpers on (and pulling the sleeves the correct way)
- doing our zips up and
- putting shoes and socks on.

It would be fantastic if you can support this at home.

Weather

Please keep an eye on the weather forecast as it can change from one day to the next at this time of year. It is essential your child comes to Nursery ready to play and learn both inside and out. If we are fortunate to have very sunny weather a named sun hat will need to be worn along with sun cream applied before arriving at Nursery. Children who stay all day may either wear an all day cream or bring a named bottle to apply themselves at lunchtime.

Welcome to our new friends

A big hello and welcome to all our new children in Nursery!

We are all looking forward to meeting you and getting to know you over the next few weeks. I'm sure we will all help you to find your way and around and to settle into nursery life.

Home Learning

What types of transport have you ever been on? Which was your favourite? Have a go at making it with lego/duplo/recycling materials or paint a picture.

Go on a transport hunt. What do you think you will see near where you live?

Look out for print/symbols/logos in the environment as you go for a walk or come to Nursery. What do they tell us? Encourage your child to give meaning to them.

Design a new type of transport - maybe a car or a helicopter that can do amazing things.

Build a boat to test in the bath. Will it float at the top or sink to the bottom? Try adding some passengers/crew and see what happens.

Please record your home learning on Tapestry, we would love to see what you have been doing and learning about while they're at home.

