

## Communication & Language

We will be encouraging the children to talk about their experiences of travelling by road, train or even boat or plane. We will also be talking about how the children travel to and from school each day. We will be learning how to cross the road safely so that we can tell others what to do to keep safe.

## Literacy

All children will enjoy listening to stories on a daily basis. We will have a book of the week in addition to sharing a variety of other texts with the children.

Reception children will continue their daily phonics lessons. We are beginning to write simple 3 letter words using the sounds we know. You can help at home by using 'sound talk' with your child ie saying the sounds in words for your child to hear eg "pass me a f-or-k please." Once the single letters have been taught we will be focussing on writing our names with correct letter formation, using a capital letter to start and then lower case letters.



## Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will continue to support all the children as they follow our class routines, build new relationships with one another and learn to share, take turns and listen to the opinions of others.

Reception children will also have weekly circle time sessions when we will be talking about ways to stay healthy and safe.



## Understanding the World

We will be sorting different types of transport under the headings of air, road and water.

We will be drawing maps to represent different journeys and investigating things which float and sink and finding out about simple forces as we send cars down ramps.

Outside in our Nature Explorer lessons we will be learning about fire, badgers, darkness, winter trees, robins and making decorations from natural materials.

## Butterfly Class - Autumn 2 Curriculum Grid



## Maths

In Maths we will be using positional language as we read the story of Rosie's walk. We will be learning all about circles and triangles and also shapes with 4 sides. We will be exploring numbers to 5 and learning to say the number one more or one less than a given number. Finally, we will be looking at time in the context of day and night.

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## Physical Development

There will be lots of opportunities for developing physical skills whilst engaging in activities such as digging, running and building in the Early Years' garden. All children will also continue to take part in our daily 'Squiggle while you wiggle' and 'dough disco' sessions. Reception children will continue to have a PE lesson in the hall every Friday and they should come to school dressed for this in jogging bottoms / leggings each Friday. In these lessons we will be focussing on awareness of different parts of the body and learning to travel in different directions.

Fine motor skills will be developed through a range of activities in the classroom. Children will be using play dough, pegs, and beads to enhance manipulative skills.

As the weather gets colder we will be encouraging all children to learn to fasten their coats independently (even though we are always on hand to help when needed!) This is something you could really help with at home too.

This half term our topic is called **Let's Move!**

We will be learning all about different ways of travelling including travel by road, rail, air and boat. We will even be hearing about two people who travelled on a donkey and someone else who travels on a sleigh!



## Expressive Arts & Design

Lots of our craft activities will be based around the theme of transport. We will be making junk model vehicles, printing trains and mark making by taking pens for a drive taped to our cars! There will also be seasonal craft activities linked to bonfire night and Christmas.

We will be singing songs and rhymes about different forms of transport too.

Children will engage in role play connected to going on journeys by bus, train or car, and outside we will be setting up a mechanics garage and a car wash. In the small world area we will be playing with our garage and building roads and train tracks.

Towards the end of term we will be learning all about the very first Christmas and taking part in a simple retelling of the Nativity story.