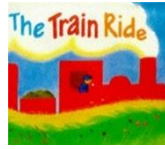


Reception Newsletter- Week beginning: 17.03.25



Term 4 topic- Transport: How do we get around?

Our story of the week- 'The Train Ride'

Personal, Social and Emotional Development- We continue to look out for each other, work as a team and use our Learning Muscles. We are always reminding each other of our 3 overarching rules; be ready, be safe and be respectful. We know if we adhere to these 3 rules, our school will be a lovely place to be where we have fun, learn amazing things and make friends. Our Learning Muscles help us become resilient and independent learners. In our Jigsaw time this week we talked about how important sleep is for keeping us healthy. We enjoyed sharing one of our bedtime routines with our friends.

Communication and Language- We really enjoyed chatting about trains and how they have changed over the years. We watched a programme about steam trains and learnt lots of new vocabulary, 'piston', 'steam' and 'coupling', among others. We have also been making up our own versions of the story using the masks! We love to chat in Reception, and we know that we need to be able to listen, and to respond to what people say. We are also trying hard to sort out minor disagreements with our friends by using our words. A conversation is not just talking, but also listening!

Physical Development- During outside play this week, we have enjoyed using the field, the trim trail, building a balancing course and playing with hoops. We continue to develop our fine motor skills in a variety of ways including, exploring flour, threading activities, handwriting, cutting and using various building and constructing materials. We have made some amazing models of different forms of transport.

Literacy – There are many independent writing opportunities in our classes and in our outside area. We love a clip board in Reception! Our writing has progressed so much. We are becoming quite accomplished at pinching sounds of a word on our fingers, making it easier for us to spell words. This week with our teachers we have coloured in a picture of what we could see from a train window and written a sentence about what we saw. We are also very proud of the children's reading. We continue to read in our phonics groups and are excited to share our reading at home. Mrs Gidlow has also assessed our phonic knowledge this week.

Mathematics- We are brilliant mathematicians in Reception. We are all problem solvers! We continue to practise counting in 1s, 2s, and 10s, recognising our numbers to 20 and beyond, forming our numbers correctly, counting up to 10 and back down again and saying what is one more and one less than a given number. We are becoming quite confident in reciting some number bonds and we are enjoying working other number

bonds out. Ask us! We have lots of apparatus which help us with our maths – Numicon, number tracks, counters, objects and of course our fingers...the list is endless!

[Understanding the World](#) - We have enjoyed exploring our paint skills, practising our numbers and using our phonics on the interactive whiteboard. Great fun! We are beginning to spot some changes in the world about us and we were very excited to see flowers growing. We know we should not pick them so we can enjoy them for longer! In RE this week, we have continued to learn about Easter. We read about how Judas betrayed Jesus and we thought about how each man might have felt.

[Expressive Arts and Design](#)- We created some super train pictures this week using blocks to print with and we also cut out shapes and put them together to make a train. We continue to enjoy our role play areas – our space station in Hazel Class and a vets in Chestnut.

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Supporting learning at home

- Which shapes can you find around your house?
- Can you write your surname by yourself?
- Explore number bonds. Choose a number and using that number of objects, explore different way of making that number eg 3+6, 2+7, 1+8 etc.
- Ask us what we have learnt about trains?

Notes for next week 24.03.25

- Please make sure you wear a coat to school everyday and bring a water bottle and bookbag.
- Check out the slide shows on the website.
- School photos will take place on Monday 31st March.

Our top reading tips of the week!

- Talk about the characters in a story. Who is your favourite? Why are they your favourite?
- How many red tricky words can you spot in your reading or story books?

Have a lovely weekend!