



Reception Year – Term 4 Information



Welcome to Term 4!

We hope that you have managed to enjoy a break over the half term and that the children are ready for another exciting term. Although there are some signs of Spring, with the weather showing signs of becoming warmer, please do continue to work with your child to do the zips up on their coats. We also have a growing supply of hats, gloves and scarves that we would love to reunite with their owners too. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you think you might be missing something. Our topic for this term is "Journeys" and we look forward to finding out more about any exciting journeys that you may have taken over half term. If you are happy for your child to share any photos of their adventures, please feel free to send these to the school office email address and the children can show these on the big screen in class.

Our learning this term

Two of our focus texts this term will be the *Naughty Bus* by Jan and Jerry Oke and *The Train Ride* by June Crebbin. We will explore, recreate and extend the adventures within each story. We will also look at the book "You Choose". Through discussion of the transport page we will then explore different methods of transport from the everyday to the make believe. The children will share their experiences and ideas of each through speaking and listening times as well as reviewing their creative tasks. The way we travel and get around has changed over the years, so we will be comparing how we travelled in the past to how we travel today. We will share ways to keep safe linked to crossing the road, water safety and rail safety and share our experiences of different methods of transport. The children will use what they have learnt in phonics to write labels for their models and pictures and will begin to write simple captions. They will work to build their words into sentences and begin to understand what is needed for a sentence, writing simple sentences about their vehicles and journeys they went on. We will also look to create our own versions of the class focus texts; individually and collaboratively.

In Maths, we will be continuing to focus on the composition of numbers to 10, by partitioning them into two "parts", which when combined make a "whole." We will also focus on 3D shapes and sorting objects based on colour, size and function, later developing our own criteria for sorting. Our R.E. lessons will consider the concept of salvation and the key question, "Why do Christians put a cross in an Easter Garden?", alongside reminding ourselves about some of the new testament stories and things that are important to Christians. P.E. is on a Friday and your child should be wearing their P.E. kit to school. The focus this term is on basic gymnastics skills, dance and games, understanding the importance of exercise, alongside personal strengths and weaknesses. As always, the bulk of our day, outside of adult input times, is spent interacting and engaging with the children during their "exploring" time, supporting them to use and apply their previously learnt skills.

Key Information

- Thank you for attending our Maths Workshop and practical class sessions at the end of last term useful. If you have any feedback, then this would be gratefully appreciated. This term, Miss Smith will continue to support our gross motor skills with some "funky" music and large movements from the Write Dance program during our art lessons. We look forward to being able to share some of this with you later on in the term, with a view to holding a Writing Workshop at the beginning of the Summer Term.
- We are currently appealing for some more reading helpers in Reception. If you are able to share some of your valuable time with us on a regular basis, even if this is fortnightly, we would really appreciate your support. Please speak to your child's class teacher if this is something you may be interested in. We do have to let you know however, that this would not be in your own child's class.
- The next two sessions of Forest Schools for Miss. Goddard's class, (RKG) will be on a Tuesday morning, 7th and 21st March. The next two sessions for Mr. Redpath's class (RGR) will be on a Wednesday morning, 8th March and 22nd March.