

# Spring 1 Newsletter

## Reception

Dear Parents and Children,

We are excited to welcome you all back to school, following the Christmas Holiday. We have lots of fun learning opportunities planned and look forward to seeing and hearing from all the children! Our topic for Spring 1 will be:



### Transport and Journeys



The books we will be using are:

- Mr Gumpy's Outing - John Burningham
- Mr Gumpy's Motor Car – John Burningham
- Rosie's Walk – Pat Hutchins
- The Train Ride – June Crebbin
- Who Sank the Boat? – Pamela Allen
- A Squash and a Squeeze – Julia Donaldson
- The Way Back Home – Oliver Jeffers
- Duck in the Truck" – Jez Alborough

Areas we will be covering throughout the half term:

- Writing sentences using our phonics skills
- Writing a recount of our own journey
- Floating and Sinking
- Making predictions
- Building relationships
- Independence

Things you can be doing at home:

- Read everyday
- Practice reading and writing numbers up to 20
- Practise your high frequency words
- Practise forming letters and writing your name

## Family Learning Project – Due in on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

We would like you to think about an outing or a journey that you have been on as a family. This may be a walk to the shops, or a walk to the park, or even a trip on a train or plane. We would like the children to make a poster and draw each part of their outing using the following:

- Who came?
- Where did you go?
- What did you see?
- Did anything funny happen?
- How did you get there?
- How did you get home?

If your child can write a word/sentence to go with each photo then that would be amazing, or they can get an adult to write a sentence for them. We will be talking about the children's outing's/journey's together in class and using their posters to help them. Please do ask us if you have any questions.

Thank you for your continued support  
Mrs Jensen & Miss Sango - Jackson  
Reception Teachers