
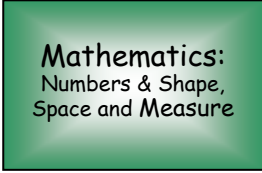










## St Thomas More R.C. Primary - Reception Class

### What I am Learning - Autumn 2: Transport & Christmas

Text: You can't take an Elephant on the Bus

Area of Learning	Activities	Area of Learning	Activities
 <p><b>Communication and Language</b></p>	<p>This half term we will be continuing to develop our listening skills through circle time activities. We will be discussing different festivals and celebrations e.g. Bonfire Night, Remembrance Sunday, Diwali and exploring how we and others celebrate these. We will also be spending time learning about The First Christmas and discussing this special time of year. Our 'small world' area will reflect our topic of 'Transport' as will our role play area outdoors.</p>	 <p><b>Mathematics:</b> Numbers &amp; Shape, Space and Measure</p>	<p>In our Maths work, we will be focussing on recognising and ordering numbers, counting to 20 and beyond, number formation and counting out a number of objects accurately. We will also be counting in 5's and 10's. We will begin work on 1 more/less than a given number and some practical addition activities.</p>
 <p><b>Physical Development</b></p>	<p>We will be continuing to focus on developing the children's fine and gross motor skills through different activities in our continuous provision. We are encouraging the children to take responsibility for their belonging. In PE our focus will be 'Dance' and 'Ball Skills.' We will also be talking about how to keep safe during Bonfire Night.</p>	 <p><b>Understanding the World</b></p>	<p>We will continue to look at changes in our environment and discuss them. We will be discussing/learning more about different Festivals and Celebrations – Bonfire Night, Diwali, Remembrance Sunday and Christmas. We will also be continuing to develop our Technology skills and using different equipment e.g. Interactive Whiteboard, Bee-Bots, iPads</p>
 <p><b>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</b></p>	<p>We will continue to reinforce our positive class rules and boundaries. We will continue with circle time activities, modelling positive behaviours/friendships and discussing different aspects of our feelings. Through our Religion work, we will be learning more about how we welcome people into our own and God's family (including Baptisms) and we will learn about Advent and how people celebrate Jesus' birthday each year.</p>	 <p><b>Expressive Arts and Design</b></p>	<p>We will be exploring different materials in our creative work this half term and use junk materials to create vehicles. We will be painting a variety of vehicles linking with our text work and also using different techniques to make 'Firework Pictures.' In Music, we will be continuing to learn new songs and dances, and focussing on singing Christmas related songs.</p>
 <p><b>Literacy: Reading &amp; Writing</b></p>	<p>We will be working on our new text 'You can't take an Elephant on the Bus' and each week focussing on different parts of the story. We will be writing transport tickets, speech bubbles for the characters and choosing which mode of transport would be the best for the characters in the text. Our phonics groups will continue and High Frequency words will be sent home. We will be encouraging the children to read their High Frequency words and notice them in different stories that we read.</p> <p>We will also be writing about the First Christmas, letters to Santa etc. towards the end of the half term.</p>	 <p><b>Outdoor Provision</b></p>	<p>We will be working outdoors each day in our provision which will include; mechanics, reading area, wheeled vehicles, small world, construction, writing and number activities. Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing every day. We will also access the wider school environment to explore our surroundings.</p>