



## Beech Newsletter

November 2023

Our new topic for this half term is transport. We will be looking at all different types of transport including Santa's choice of vehicle in the run up to Christmas. We will be reading lots of different books including Mr Gumpy's Outing, The Duck And The Truck, We Can't Take An Elephant On A Bus and The Hundred Decker Bus. We will use these stories to make up our own stories, write using our phonics and learn rhymes about different transport.



### MEANS OF TRANSPORT



In **Maths** this half term we continue to follow the White Rose maths scheme which supports the children in provision as well as practising maths in small groups and individually. We will be learning about numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 as well as some shapes.

In **Phonics Reception** will continue to follow Little Wandle Letters and Sounds to learn phase 2 digraphs. A review sheet will be sent home each week to consolidate this. **Nursery** children will focus on hearing sounds, rhymes and oral blending. This sets the foundations for learning phonics when they move into Reception.

#### **Reading**

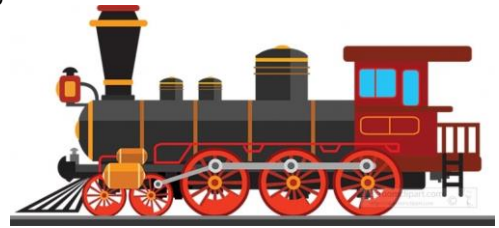
Children in Reception will start getting books with very simple words in them. Please continue to look at the pictures and talk about what is happening. The children will continue to read their reading book three times a week in class and then sent home on a Wednesday. Books will be changed again on a Monday. In class the sessions focus on decoding, prosody (expression) and comprehension.

**PE** sessions will continue on a Tuesday and Thursday. Please send your child in PE kit on these days. This half term we will continue with Multi skills and movement and development.



#### **History**

We have already learned that toys were different in the past and now we extend our learning to understand that transport has changed over time. We will look at cars and planes as well as how trains have changed.



#### **Geography**

We will look at where can we go on our chosen mode of transport. Where would we be able to walk to, when do we need to get a plane? We will also carry out a simple survey of what transport do we see in and around Thornton in Craven.

#### **Art and Design**

The children will have an opportunity to get creative by making different vehicles. They will learn different ways to attach materials together to create cars, boats and buses.

#### **Science**

To tie in with our topic of transport the children will learn about suitable materials to build vehicles. Why would we not use bricks to make a boat?

#### **PHSE**

This term we will look at celebrating differences between ourselves and others.

#### **RE**

In RE this half term the children will be looking at special people and toward the end of them we will look at the birth of Jesus and the nativity story.



#### **Homework**

Homework will be sent out as a challenge sheet for the children to pick from throughout the ½ term. A phonics review sheet will be sent home on a Friday to consolidate the weeks learning. Any comments can be shared in the learning journal.