

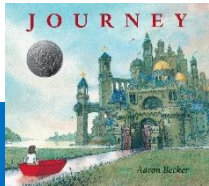


Welcome back!

Happy New Year everybody, we hope that you all had a great break. We are looking forward to more new and exciting learning opportunities across the Spring term where our topic is 'Transport'.

As always, please come and speak to me on the door if you have any questions at all.

Miss Ablitt.



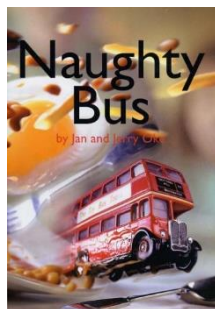
#### LITERACY

In Literacy we will be reading texts which relate to our new topic of 'Transport'. These will be: Journey, The Naughty Bus and various non-fiction books. We will continue daily phonics teaching and will be learning new digraphs and trigraphs. We will also be focusing on reading and writing sentences independently using our sounds.

#### UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD

We will use our topic of Transport to look at and create our own maps. We will also compare old and new transport to gain an understanding of past and present.

We will continue to learn about various celebrations including Chinese New Year.



#### PERSONAL, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

We will continue to teach the Horn Park values across the term both in class and in our weekly assemblies. Our values are: respect, positivity, unity, honesty, kindness and perseverance.

Using 'My Happy Mind', we will work on our self-regulation skills and ability to understand the feelings of our peers.

#### MATHS

Mastery will continue to be our learning approach for our maths teaching this term. We will gradually introduce numbers 6 to 10 and think about their composition. As we also look at number formation, subitising, comparing and representing amounts in varying ways.

#### PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

This half term we will continue to build on our fine motor skills in class, as well as accurate letter formation. During PE lessons, we will focus on gymnastics to develop our overall body strength, co-ordination, balance and agility. We will also continue to build our independence with dressing and cutting food.

#### CLASS NOTICES

Our forest school day is normally a **Tuesday** and book change days are: **Mondays and Thursdays**

Children will need their PE kits in school each week, please aim to bring this in on Mondays. (black/navy shorts or joggers, a white t-shirt and plimsolls/ trainers.)

#### Key dates –

**24<sup>th</sup> January 9am-9.30am – Stay and Play**

**31<sup>st</sup> January 9am-10am – Local Area Transport Walk**

# HOME LEARNING

To support your child's understanding and learning, here are some simple ideas for you to try at home that link to our key targets and topics. Over the next half term, could you:

<p><b>Look out for types of transport in your environment</b></p> 	<p><b>Draw pictures of the transport that you have seen. You could even add a label by using your sounds.</b></p> 
<p><b>Watch number blocks at home and look out for numbers 6-10.</b></p> 	<p><b>Create a map for a journey that you have been on.</b></p> 
<p><b>Read everyday and use your sound mat to help you.</b></p> 	<p><b>Practice writing your name carefully.</b></p> 

- Numberblocks - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b08bzfnh/numberblocks>
- Little Wandle Phonics - <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>
- Look out for the new weekly handwriting sheets that go home with your reading books.

**Please remember to upload any observations from home on to Tapestry!**

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