

Reception Class Weekly Newsletter – 8th January 2016

Happy New Year! Thank you so much for all the presents, cards and good wishes that you so kindly sent for Christmas. I hope everyone had a lovely time. The children certainly had lots of stories to share and their enthusiasm was really lovely to see and hear!



Our learning for the next few weeks will be based around the theme of making journeys, beginning with the fantastic story 'We're going on a bear hunt'. Although our learning will initially be based around this story but I am sure the children have lots of ideas as to where they would like it to go next. There is a fantastic version of Michael Rosen performing the story which you can see on You Tube. We have really enjoyed performing it with him!

WE'RE GOING ON A BEAR HUNT



On Wednesday a wonderful lady called Sally Dinnis from Love Music Trust came and did a special Barnaby Bear Music workshop with us. Over the next six weeks she will visit us every Wednesday and teach us some special songs.

On Wednesday 23rd March at 2pm we will join together with other schools from the area to perform these songs in a special concert at Victoria Hall, Hanley. There is an invitation in your child's bag tonight inviting you to come and watch and explaining how you can purchase tickets. Your child will NOT need a ticket. You need to purchase these tickets yourself we will NOT be purchasing them through school. The seats are unallocated and a plan of where the children will be on the stage will be released nearer the time, so that on the day you will be able to choose your seat according to where on the stage we are. Further details about the event will be sent out nearer the time but I wanted to let you know as soon as possible so you can organise your tickets.



We have been recapping our Read Write Inc. sounds and we are amazed at how well the children had remembered them! Some of us are finding ch, th, sh, nk and ng tricky when reading. They are separating them into 2 sounds. This is quite normal and just takes lots of reinforcement! We are also working hard on learning our red tricky words too, so thank you for all the support with this going on at home.

I have attached some more wow moment sheets; please keep sending them in as we love sharing them. Once shared, they are stuck into your child's Learning Record.

This week saw the return of Mrs Newbould. She is currently working mornings as part of a phased return. Mrs Kemp has continued to support us in the afternoons.

Well done to Parry and Isaac our two stars of the week.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Rogers, Mrs Newbould, Mrs Kemp and Miss Kirby

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Spring 1 2016: Terrific Transport/We're going on a journey

Personal, social and emotional development

- Road safety
- Small world road and track activities
- Discuss personal journeys the children have been on
- Use chairs to be an impromptu bus/plane/car/train
- Healthy and eco ways of travelling – walking, biking, public transport
- Act out unusual ways to travel, e.g. Magic carpet/hot air balloon
- Circle time
- Role play
- Picture and poster resources
- Large cardboard boxes/packing crates can be transformed into any vehicle
- Rescue vehicles – ambulance/fire engine/helicopter/life boat

Communication and language/ literacy

- Photographs of different types of transport
- Role play – travel agents/airport check in/train station/campsite/garage
- Small world road and track layouts
- Collection of holiday postcards
- Story making – a magic carpet ride/a hot air balloon ride/ a ride on a broomstick
- Memory and list games – 'I packed my bag and in it I put...'
- Audio resources of traffic sounds (BBC sounds stimulus)
- Songs and rhymes e.g /the Magic Train Ride
- Play writing opportunities – lists/letters/postcards
- Make tickets for train/plane/bus journeys
- Texts: Rosie's Walk, The Train Ride, Man on the Moon, M. Mayo books, Lost and Found, We're going on a bear hunt
- N/F texts: On the Moon, transport books,

Knowledge of the World

- Map making – which way do you come to school? Map of bear hunt, Rosie's walk
- Collection of maps to investigate
- Compare past and present transport
- Collection of tickets from different modes of transport
- Directions games and stop-go games
- Wet sand tray – tracks
- Water tray – boats
- How do animals travel?
- Road safety
- Take a bike apart using spanners, screwdrivers etc.
- Visiting different places real and imaginary

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Special places

Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day

Mathematics

- Data handling – how do we come to school?
 - Data handling – monitor traffic – record as bar charts/pictograms
 - Positional words and games
 - Maths trails – follow the tracks
 - Sorting vehicles
 - Songs and rhymes
 - Making 3D models of vehicles
 - Role play areas
 - Count down for a rocket launch
 - Using money in role play – e.g. buying tickets, toy shop
 - Make paper aeroplanes
 - Positional language
- Also See Cumbria planning



Physical Development

- Transport mimes – getting on a train/into a boat/in a car
- Movements based on vehicles
- Follow my leader
- Stop/go games using traffic light colours
- Positional games
- Fast/slow games based on modes of transport
- Construction kits
- Make tracks with footprints
- Set up an obstacle course to travel along
- Action songs
- Travelling on apparatus, link to positional language – Rosie's Walk, Bear hunt

Creative

- Tyre prints/rubbings
- Painting with wheels
- 3D models of vehicles
- Floating music and hot air balloons
- Songs and rhymes
- Book collections about single types of transport e.g. stories about cars
- Selection of large cardboard boxes for imaginative play
- Imitate vehicle sounds with musical instruments
- Collection of audio resources – vehicle sounds
- Making postcards
- Dressing up in uniforms
- Make paper aeroplanes
- Body sounds and rhythms
- Love Music Trust: Singing together Barnaby Bear