CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

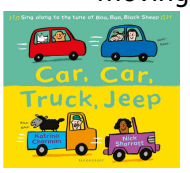
NURSERY Spring 2

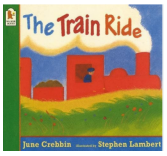
I cannot believe we are halfway through the school year already. We have a very short half term coming up and a lot to fit in including World Book Day, Mothers Day, a trip on the bus; that's right our first trip, Stay and Play as well as some Easter fun.

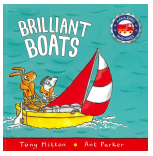
This half term our topic is 'Transport'. The children will be learning about different types of transport and we are hoping to have some different types of transport coming into nursery for us to look at including vans, motorbikes and vintage cars. If any parents have any exciting means of transport they could share pictures of or would like to bring in please let us know.

Transport

This half term we will be reading a selection of Transport themed books. We will also talk about road safety and the activities in the room will be linked to different types of transport each week from road, air, water and rail before moving onto Easter and signs of new life in Spring.







Prime areas of learning

Communication and Language

For some of the children who will be starting school in September we will be showing them that writing can be a representation of speech by writing what they say about the marks they make. We will continue to develop their vocabulary through the use of the talking table and curiosity table. This is a table full of interesting objects that the children are encouraged to name and describe using supported sentence structures. This half term we will be encouraging the children to ask 'why' questions and encouraging them to think about how things move and work when looking at the different modes of transport.

During structured play sessions the children will be encouraged to recall and talk about events and characters from our focus stories. As well as engage in listening activities that require them to follow multistep instructions such as "get the red car then the blue bus".

PSED

This half term we will be working encouraging children to engage in lots of different role play tasks such as a train ride, buying a bus ticket and going through the airport onto a plane. During these sessions the children will be encouraged to listen to their peers' ideas elaborating their play. We will also be supporting the children to understand that tiger children might want to play the same game or use the same resources, this is okay and it is important to be friendly and share with others.

During our structured play sessions we will be learning some road safety and the importance of rules near the road. We will role play crossing the road together on the playground and remind children that they need to hold a grown ups hand. A focus for this half term is learning to ask for help when needed and that it is okay to ask for guidance even if you think a grown up looks busy.

Physical development

Our PE Sessions this half term have moved to a Thursday morning to allow different children to have the experience. Please ensure your child is appropriately dressed for these sessions. During these sessions the children will be working on their jumping skills. Some children are developing the jumping motion whereas others will be jumping off objects and landing with bent knees. During our forest school sessions we will be encouraging the children to take appropriate risks and begin to climb and travel with increasing independence. Now that the sun is beginning to shine we will be getting more of the bikes and trikes out to practice pedalling and turning the handles to move around obstacles.

Coming up...

23rd Feb - First day back after half term holiday.

2nd March -Parents Evening
4th March - Parents Evening

6th March - World Book Day

12th March - Trip on the bus
(additional information to follow)

24th March - 2pm - Easter Stay and Play

27th March - 2.30pm finish - Last day of term

Contact us

If there is anything you wish to discuss with us regarding the information on this newsletter; or if you have any further queries or concerns regarding your child's experience at school, please do not hesitate to get in touch:

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How can you help?

Sharing the stories at home that we will be sharing within the nursery to make your child familiar with them would really benefit many children. These stories are very interactive so please encourage them to join in with you.

Practice putting on coats independently at home and encourage children to begin to zip up their coats.

As we are half way through the year this is a good time to ensure any children starting school in September are now toilet trained. If anyone needs support with this please come and speak to one of us and we can offer some support and guidance.

Singing nursery rhymes at home is one of the simplest and most effective ways to support a child's early language development. It strengthens vocabulary, rhythm, memory, and confidence — all through something that feels like play.

Playing listening games encourages the children to follow instructions: (You do not need to buy these games specifically. These are just some examples of ways to encourage children to listen while playing.

Listening to the items you would like on your burger.

Lotto or shopping list games with a difference. Turn over any piece, say what it is then ask who needs it. "I don't need the crocodile. Do you need a crocodile?

Playing a rhythm on an instrument for children to copy. This only needs to be very simple.

Pairing socks and asking children to help. "I have a red sock. Can you help me find another one the same?"