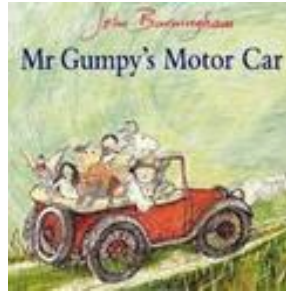


Reception Newsletter- Week beginning: 6.3.2023

Term 4 topic- Transport- How do we get around?



Mr Gumpy's Motor Car

What an exciting week it has been, especially with the surprise of snow!

Personal, Social and Emotional Development- This week we have been looking at healthy and less healthy foods. We have talked about what would make a healthy lunchbox and that it is still ok to eat less healthy food but in moderation. The water beads have been great fun to play in this week and the children have become very good at using the 10 minute timer independently to share their time playing in the water tray.

Communication and Language- We had lovely discussions about what we know about old and new transport and what we still would like to find out. We watched and talked about old-fashioned forms of transport and cars, trying to spot the differences. We talked about very new cars running on electric and some of the children were very excited to tell us about their cars. Everyone was very surprised about what old bikes looked like. Imagine having one huge wheel and one small wheel?

Physical Development- We have been having a wonderful time playing with the large building bricks. Some very tall and exciting buildings have been made! The children have been working out that they need a strong foundation in order for the building to be the tallest it can be. We are been practising our fine motor skills by peeling small stickers and sticking them in small circles on some old transport pictures. This has been a very popular activity this week!

Literacy- Our reading lessons are going brilliantly and we also started listening to 1:1 readers this week. We will be listening to every child read every week in addition to them reading everyday during their phonics sessions. Please make sure you read these books at home with your children until they can read them fluently (no sounding out).

We really enjoyed using our imaginations to think of excuses NOT to help Mr Gumpy push his car out of the mud! Our teachers were very proud of the brilliant writing we produced. We have done lots of independent writing on white boards, in our role play areas and on clipboards found around our classrooms. We have also looked at a variety of non-fiction books about old transport and read lots of story books.

Mathematics- We have continued to practise counting in 1s, 2s, 5s, and 10s; recognising our numbers to 20 and beyond; doubling and halving; forming our numbers correctly; counting up to 10 and back down again; saying what is one more and one less than a given number. This week we have continued to explore the different ways of making 10. Ask us if we can remember any!

Expressive Arts and Design- At the art table we have painted old motor cars and made cars using a variety of resources including paper plates. The craft table has been very popular again and lots of the children have been going home with huge boxes of creations!

Understanding the World- Our science experiment this week was using wind power to make our cards move by using a balloon. We have also been looking at different types of transport. We talked about what we already knew about transport and what we wanted to find out. We looked at cars from years gone by and have been using the computers and the interactive whiteboard to design and make vehicles.

Take a look at our website to see all the amazing activities we do in Reception!

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Ideas for learning at home

- Tell your family some differences between old-fashioned cars and new ones!
- Talk to your grown-ups about pairs of numbers that make 10. We love [Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year olds \(topmarks.co.uk\)](#)

Notes for next week 13.03.23

- Please book a parents evening appointment online. If you are having trouble logging on, please speak to the office.
- Comic Relief is on Friday 17th March. Please look out for extra information on the newsletter.
- Please make sure your child's phonics pack with books inside are in school everyday.

Have a great weekend and see you on Monday!