

Reception Newsletter- Week beginning: 19.2.24

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



Our story of the week is Beryl's Box by Lisa Taylor

Welcome Back! We've had an exciting first week back in Reception!

Personal, Social and Emotional Development- In our Jigsaw circle time this term we will be exploring how we can keep ourselves healthy. This week we have been talking about different ways to exercise and why it is important to be fit and healthy. We thought really hard and came up with lots of different ways we like to exercise. We also did an experiment to see what happens to our bodies when we exercise. We know that our school value this term is 'Community' and we thought about what makes a good community in assembly. We know that we are part of the Elms Primary School community but also know that community is like a ball of string, we can be interlinked with lots of different communities.

Communication and Language- What a lot of chat this week! We had lovely discussions about what we know about transport and what we want to find out. We decorated our own cardboard box and had some very imaginative ideas of what kind of transport the box turned into. We used our imagination about what we might see on a journey in 'Beryl's Box' whilst sitting in our own box. It has been a great tool to encourage role play. Who knew a cardboard box could be so exciting!?

Physical Development- We enjoy playing outside every day, using various sports equipment on the playground e.g. hockey sticks and balls, hoops and footballs. We enjoy building obstacle courses and finding lots of different ways to travel around our playground. We continue to develop our fine motor skills- exploring play dough, writing and drawing, using scissors and tweezers and creating with various building and constructing toys.

at home. Can you roll a ball around your living room while keeping one hand on the ball?

Literacy- We have been very imaginative in our writing this week. We have been writing about what our box will turn into and where it will take us. Mrs Howell has been really impressed by how well we are writing sentences. We have remembered how to spell lots of the red words (words that cannot be sounded out) including 'I' and 'the'. We love writing at school and do lots of independent writing during our play on clipboards around the classroom, on the smart board and on the white boards. We are also continuing to look at a variety of non-fiction books about transport and have read lots of story books.

Mathematics- We have continued to practise; recognising our numbers to 20; counting in 2s to 20 and 10s to 100; forming our numbers correctly; counting up to 9 and 10 and back down again and saying what is 1 more and 1 less than a given number. We have also been learning about the composition of 9 and 10. We know that there are different ways to make these numbers using Numicon, a 10 frame, our fingers and bead strings.

Understanding the World- We have been coming up with and looking at lots of different types of transport. We looked at videos of some less common types of transport like hover boards, jet skis and our favourite, a water hover board – we found it very exciting! We are spotting lots of changes in the world about us and we are noticing how much the grass in our playground is growing now. We also noticed the tree outside our classroom has beautiful pink blossom flowers – perfect! In RE this week, we thought about new life and matched baby and adult animals.

Expressive Arts and Design – We decorated Beryl's box to go on amazing imaginative journeys, used pastels to create a picture of Beryl floating on the sea in her box boat and made vehicles out of recycling. We have continued to play in our role play areas and in our small world area.

Supporting learning at home

- Practise writing numbers to 20.
- Using small objects or counters see how many ways you can make 9 and 10.
- Have a go at decorating a big box at home and go on your own magical journey. Where will you go? Can your child write a list of everywhere you went or a sentence about your journey?
- Have a look at some information books about transport. Can your child remember a fact to tell their teacher?

Reading Tip

Think about your favourite story and chat about why it is special to you.

Notes for next week 26.02.24

- Please remember to bring coats, water bottles and book bags every day (we change books on different days).
- Sign up to be a Mystery Reader if you have not done so already.
- We are very excited because next week we are having some wonderful new outdoor furniture arriving. We also have plans to landscape the EYFS field. If you know of anyone that could quote for this, please do let me know.

Have a lovely weekend!