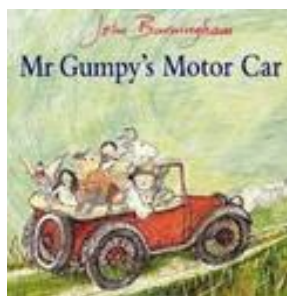


## Reception Newsletter- Week beginning: 04.03.24

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 a little bit of sun!

**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. We continue try our best to share and take turns. Mrs Howell has taught us to hold her hand if she is talking to someone and we want to talk to her too.

**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? We also looked at pictures and videos of old fire engines. They didn't have a roof or seats in the olden days!

**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 have 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 love listening to 1:1 readers. This is in addition to the reading your child does every day in phonics. 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.

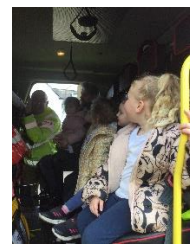
Thursday was World Book Day and we had great fun dressing up as a word. Mrs Howell was 'lazy'! Every week all our learning is centred around a story but we participated in lots of great activities including an author workshop and themed assembly.

**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! We love the Farmer Pete number bond song on youtube and we are getting very good at finding two numbers that = 10.

**Expressive Arts and Design-** At the art table we have use charcoal to draw old motor cars and made cars using a variety of resources including junk modelling. The craft table has been very popular again and lots of the children have been going home with huge boxes of creations! We have loved using the musical instruments this week and have learnt about and joined in with the 'beat' of the music.

**Understanding the World-** Our science experiment this week was an introduction to friction. We used the same car and noted how quickly it came down a ramp covered in different materials. There was lots of amazing scientific language being used like 'fair', 'materials', 'bumpy' etc. We have also been looking at different types of transport. We talked about what we already knew and what we wanted to find out.

The highlight of our week was definitely our trip to the fire station. We were so well behaved and joined in with all the wonderful activities. Mrs Howell was so proud of us all. We learnt lots about fire safety and we even watched a car being cut up! We all got a go at wearing a fire helmet and squirting the water from the hose. Mrs Howell, Ms Clarke and Miss Haynes even had a race to see who could get dressed in fire kit the quickest! We had such fun! Thank you so much to Cedric and Zac's Dad for organising this trip and for making it so much fun.



### **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 11.03.24**

- Parents Evenings are taking place on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March. Please make an appointment online.
- Please make sure your child's phonics pack with books inside are in school everyday.

**Have a great weekend and see you on Monday!**