

# Reception Newsletter- Week beginning: 11.03.24

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



### People who help us

After the excitement of last week's trip to the fire station, we decided to dedicate a whole week to the wonderful people who help us every day!

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development-** This week we had 4 new members of Blossom class – our quiet critters! These cute pets live in Mrs Howell's pockets and only come out when everyone is very quiet. They sometimes even choose members of the class to hold them carefully. We know that these creatures are babies, and we need to be really careful and gentle with them.

**Communication and Language-** We had great discussions about all the different people who help us- teachers, Mummies, Daddies, nurses, lifeguards, police, firefighters etc. We have looked in detail at nurses and dentists this week and the fabulous job these people do. We talked about who looks after us when we are ill, and we looked through our class first aid kit. We loved looking at all the different things we use to make us feel better.

**Physical Development-** We have been having a wonderful time playing with the large building bricks. Some very tall and exciting buildings have been made! Our teddies have been poorly this week, so we have been practising our fine motor skills by bandaging their poorly bits and sticking plasters to their wounds. What a great job we are doing to care for others.

**Literacy-** Mrs Howell is really proud of all the reading we are doing at home! It is certainly making a difference. We are great at Fred Talking difficult words and spotting the special friends (two letter shapes that make one sound). We are also loving our mystery reader sessions and get very excited when we have someone else read us a story at the end of the day.

**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. We also loved this website <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> when finding number bonds to 10.

**Expressive Arts and Design-** We are a very imaginative lot and love to act out different scenes which include people who help us. The art table is always very popular and this week we have used charcoal to draw old fire engines. Paints, pastels, pens and colouring pencils are always available for us to use, and we love creating lots of pictures. Mrs Howell is very lucky because she gets to take lots home!

**Understanding the World-** Our science experiment this week was called 'the firefighter's hose.' We spent some time exploring and experimenting with the straws and water. We practised sucking up the water in the straws and blowing air bubbles into the water. We talked about why the water was moving and used some great scientific vocabulary, force, push, pull, suck. We also had a race to see who could make their water shoot the furthest! This week we have learnt in depth about doctors, nurses and dentists. On Thursday we all brought our toothbrushes into school and learnt how to clean our teeth really well and the importance of this. We loved doing this at school with our friends! We also learnt about a famous nurse called Florence Nightingale! She looked after the soldiers during the war and helped to make hospitals clean and better equipped.

### Ideas for learning at home

- Can you think of different people who help us. Talk about how they help you.
- Can you tell an adult all about Florence Nightingale?
- Talk to your grown-ups about pairs of numbers that make 10. You could have 10 blueberries for snack and count each time you each one. Even better, put them on a tens frame...


### Notes for next week 17.03.24

- Parents Evenings are taking place on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March. Please make an appointment online.
- On Wednesday, Miss Booton our science lead has arranged for each class to attend an explorer dome session. We are very excited about this.
- Please make sure your child's phonics pack with books inside are in school every day.
- Look out for a letter about Dinky Ponies and our Minibeast day next term...How exciting!

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