

Literacy

This term we will continue to teach phonics using Song of Sounds.

Our focus books will be Naughty Bus, and Whatever Next. The children will continue to develop their retelling skills creating a story map. They will begin to write words and sentences linked to these stories, write facts and learn to label simple diagrams. The children will begin letter formation within their Funky Fingers morning sessions and in handwriting groups.

Communication And Language

This continues to be the foundation of everything we do within the unit. We will learn a range of different vehicle names and vehicle parts and learn to group different types of vehicles. We will use stories to describe characters and settings and tell our own stories using the Helicopter Story approach.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be exploring designing this term: designing a city for the Naughty Bus (encouraging more complex use of our construction resources) and making model vehicles. We will also learn sketching skills to make an observational sketch. Children's independent role play will continue to be developed through their interests.

Religious Education

We will learn the Glory Be. In At the beginning of this term we celebrate Epiphany and learn that the wise men visited Jesus and gave him gifts. We will learn that Jesus welcomes everyone and takes care of everyone. We will meet the stories of Jesus and the Children and The Feeding of the 5 Thousand. We will then explore how Jesus wants us to care for everyone and ways we can do this.

Vehicles



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Physical Education

We will continue to develop fine motor skills using funky finger challenges and activity rotations with an increasing focus on letter formation and pencil grip. PE will develop gross motor skills, explore moving in different ways and using their bodies to balance and create shapes. We will focus on developing core strength.

Mathematics

This term we continue to develop a deep understanding of number; exploring number bonds and numbers beyond 5. We will also explore data: recording tallies and creating pictograms through a vehicle survey. We will explore capacity: full and empty. We discover how we can measure the weight of objects, using the terms heavy, heavier, heaviest, light, lighter, lightest.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Using Naughty Bus we will consider the consequences of our actions on ourselves and others. We will introduce "a kindness tree and tags to promote the children spotting the kind things they do for each other. We will also introduce Learning Detectives where the children will be responsible for spotting good learning in the unit and sharing their discoveries with their peers.

Understanding The World

After Christmas children will share their experiences of their holiday. We will also explore Lunar New Year and Valentines Day. We will continue to explore the Season of Winter. We will learn about road safety and people who help us on the roads. We will compare old and new vehicles and learn about Amelia Earhart. We will compare different human environments (city, town and village) and look at maps. Linking to Naughty Bus we will explore floating and sinking in our water tray and simple forces with car ramps.