Reception Half Termly Letter - Spring 1 2025



Our learning this term is 'On the Move'. The children will spend this half term finding out all about different modes of transport. This will include, learning about transport they may use, such as scooters and bikes, road, rail, water and air transport. If your job has any specific relevance to our topic we would love for you to come in and tell the children about what you do.

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Spring 1 2025	Key Question: What's the best way to travel?
	Hook: Visit to St Margaret's Railway Bridge
	Great work: To create a moving picture.
Personal,	To understand different emotions
Social and	To know that their own behaviour and actions can affect someone else
Emotional	To be able to look for solutions and resolve simple problems
Development	To show confidence in choosing resources and perseverance in carrying out a chosen activity
	To understand their own and other people's feelings, offering empathy and comfort
	To understand the word forgiveness
	Key vocabulary: Friends, please, thank you, rules, confidence, thankfulness, forgiveness
Physical	To negotiate space and obstacles safely with consideration for themselves and others
Development	To hold a pencil effectively in preparation for fluent writing
	To explore and experiment with different ways of moving through dance
	To use tools for example scissors safely with increasing control and intention
	To show increasing control over an object, pushing, patting, throwing and catching
	PE days are: Monday and Tuesday
0	Key vocabulary: safe space, pushing, patting, throwing, catching
Communication	To use talk to organise, sequence and clarify thinking, ideas and events
and	To be able to listen and respond to ideas expressed by others
Language	To offer explanation for why things might happen making use of recently introduced vocabulary
	To encourage children to ask questions about why things happen
Mathematics	To use language to imagine and recreate roles and experiences in play situations To continue to develop their subitising skills for numbers within and beyond 5,
wathematics	To increasingly connect quantities to numerals
	To begin to identify missing parts for numbers within 5
	To explore the structure of the numbers 6 and 7 as '5 and a bit' and connect this to finger patterns
	To focus on equal and unequal groups when comparing numbers
	To understand that two equal groups can be called a 'double'
	To sort odd and even numbers according to their 'shape'
	To continue to develop their understanding of the counting sequence and link cardinality and ordinality
	through the 'staircase' pattern
	To order numbers and play track games
	To join in with verbal counts beyond 20, hearing the repeated pattern within the counting numbers
	To develop spatial vocabulary, represent spatial relationships,
	To identify similarities between shapes
	To describe properties of shapes and how they fit together
	Key vocabulary: part, whole, odd, even, numeral, quantities, equal to, shape
Literacy	To read words consistent with their phonic knowledge by sound blending.
	To read some digraphs letter and say the corresponding phoneme
	To read and write some common exception words matched to the school's phonic programme we, she,
	me, be, he, was, go, no, to, the, I
	To form lower-case correctly
	To spell words by identifying the sounds and then writing the sound with letter/s
	Key vocabulary: phoneme, grapheme, digraph, trigraph, segment, blend
Expressive Arts	To safely use a variety of tools, materials and techniques, experimenting with colour design, texture, form
and Design	and function
	To make observational drawings of different modes of transport
	To design new forms of transport
	To use other forms of media such as collage and printing
	Key vocabulary: create, develop, listening, beat, rhythm, printing, collage
Understanding	To know there are different types of transport
the World	To know some similarities and differences between the past and now
	To understand the past through settings, characters and events encountered in books read in class and
	storytelling
	To know about similarities and differences in relation to objects and materials
	To talk about why things happen, and how things work
	Key vocabulary: past, present, old, new, then, now
Religious	Incarnation - Why do Christians believe Jesus is special?
Education	Key vocabulary: special, parables, puzzling, surprised, temple,
Key dates	St Margaret's Railway – Wednesday 8th January
	Link Class Assembly visit - Doves Junior site Friday 17th January, Blackbirds Middle site 30th January

Bus visit (We will be walking to the Middle Site) – Tuesday 21st January Willow Woods: Blackbirds – 28th January, Robins 4th February, Doves 5th February

If you have anything to discuss about your child, or if you have any queries, we are always happy to help. Please feel free to make an appointment to see us. We very much look forward to a happy and successful half term with your child.

Miss Cottle: Blackbirds Mrs Harrison and Ms Hignall: Robins Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Baister: Doves