



Year 2 Topic - From A to B

Dear Parents,

After the holidays Year 2 will be following a unit of work on a theme which focuses on 'Transport and Travel'.

This unit of work is part of the International Primary Curriculum. This new curriculum sets out very clearly what children will learn – the learning goals – in three different areas:

1. The subjects of the curriculum. The learning goals for each of these subjects are at least as challenging as anything taught in the curriculum taught in your child's own country. In many cases, the learning goals are more challenging.
2. Personal development – the characteristics which will help children become more responsible, independent learners.
3. International understanding – which will help children develop both a sense of the independence of their own country and culture and the interdependence between countries and cultures.

Each unit of work is based around specific targets derived from the learning goals for one or more of the subjects.

During this unit we will be focusing on Geography, History, Art, Science, Technology, Society and International.

In Geography, we'll be finding out:

- How we travel to school
- How to make maps to record our journey to school
- How to create our own train journey around the host country
- How we can travel to different countries
- How to create our own activity holiday

In History, we'll be finding out:

- About transport in the past
- How to make a timeline to show when different types of transport were invented
- About exploring different types of transport from myths and legends



In Art, we'll be finding out:

- How to create our own futurist painting to capture the speed and movement of transport
- How to create a boat collage in the style of Turner and Monet

In Science, we'll be finding out:

- How to make our own sail boats and aeroplanes

In Technology, we'll be finding out:

- How to make a 'vehicle' to transport a small toy from one place to another
- How to make plans for vehicles
- How to test our vehicles to see how well they work

In Society, we'll be finding out:

- How to cross roads safely
- About bicycle and road safety
- About people with restricted mobility

In ICT, we'll be finding out:

- How to create a simple algorithm
- How to program Bee-bots to follow precise instructions
- About multi-player online gaming and how to stay safe online

In International, we'll be finding out:

- How children around the world travel to school

All of the work we are going to do has been specially written to help your child reach the learning goals. Children will be reading, researching, writing, illustrating, working on their own and working in groups. We will be checking to see how well your child has learned through particular activities and asking children to explain their work, perhaps to you.



We already know the interest you take in your child's work. If you can, please discuss with your child the work they have done as the term progresses and let them teach you.

If your child has some work to research, please help them, but without actually doing the work. If you have the chance to further their interest in the ideas of this theme please take it, but your enthusiasm and interest is most important.

By the end of the unit, we hope your child has achieved all of the learning targets. We hope they have had an enjoyable time in the classroom. And we hope you have enjoyed seeing your child work with enthusiasm. If you have any comments or questions about your child's learning, please get in touch.

Thank you,

The Year 2 Team