



WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Pre Nursery

Week beginning Monday 5 January 2015

Messages

- The Pre Nursery Team would like to say a big thank you to all parents who contributed their time to our Christmas Party. This was a wonderful success thanks to all your efforts, the children had great time! We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and hope you have a safe journey to wherever you may be going over the holiday period.

The Term Ahead

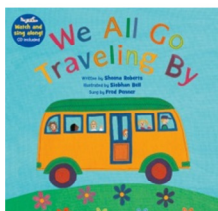
The children have shown great interest in cars, planes and trains this term. We will follow this interest by introducing a theme of *Transport*. This will include reading books about transport, building transport related models, and making transport role-play areas in the classrooms. If you and your family travel during the holidays on a plane, a train, a boat or a plane please take a photograph and send it in to us to display in our classrooms.

As *Chinese New Year* approaches we will talk about this important holiday and how it is celebrated in China. We will share the story of the *Great Race* and talk about the different animals in the Chinese Zodiac. We will continue the theme on animals by looking at *Farms*. We will explore animals, plants and all the things that grow on farms.

The term will end with our *International Week* celebration. Children can wear national/traditional dress, or clothes that relate to their home country. Parents will also be invited to come into school to share stories, songs or special recipes from their home country. It is a wonderful way to end a fantastic term!

Learning Theme Week 1

We will begin the new term with a theme of 'Transport'. Each of the three classrooms will focus on transport associated with either land, sea or air. We will be singing the song "We All Go Travelling By" which can be found by following the link below.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cSw50JwoH34>



Key Vocabulary: train, car, aeroplane, wheel, truck.

Communication and Language.

We will create an international airport role play area, with an aeroplane and check in desk. We will talk about children's own flying experiences, and encourage children to re-enact them in the role play area.



Key Vocabulary: airport, check in, ticket, fly, cabin crew, wing.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

As we welcome new children into the unit we will be focussing on our social skills and reinforcing how to share, how to behave kindly, being helpful and considerate of others.

Key Vocabulary: friend, share, kind, gentle, take turns

Mathematics

We will be revisiting shape, and using 2 dimensional shapes to create pictures of various kinds of transport. Children will have the opportunity to make arrangements with the shapes and select and use different shapes for their designs. When completed the children will share their pictures with their classmates, talking about the different shapes they used.

Key Vocabulary: Shape, large, small, side, round, tall, long, circle, square, triangle.

Expressive Arts & Design:

We will be supporting children to develop their mark making and painting skills by using paint to create pictures of their favourite kinds of transport. Children will be encouraged to think about what they would like to paint, which colours they will choose to use, and to experiment with different brush strokes to create their pictures.

Key Vocabulary: paint, colour, brush, mark, line, straight, round, circle.

Understanding the World:

Using the wooden train set and blocks, children will be able to build tracks and a station for their trains. Plenty of boats with various cargos will be provided in the water tray so that children can investigate floating and sinking.

Key Vocabulary: station, train, journey, float, sink, boat

Literacy:

Children will have the opportunity to make tickets to use in the role play airport. There will be other mark making opportunities throughout the week as children explore the continuous provision in the unit, for example drawing train tracks, writing packing lists, making marks in cloud foam.

Key Vocabulary: write, pen, mark, line, name,

Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions

The Pre Nursery Team.