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THE BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL Puxi, Shanghai

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The Giving Tree - an opportunity for our community to give a little at Christmas by volunteering gift bags for migrant school children and their teachers. Please return reply slips ASAP if you wish to join our initiative. Ask teachers for more details. River of Hearts clothes donation - an opportunity for our community to clear out any unused/unwanted clothing items of any size or style and bring them into school for distribution across China for those in need. Donation Week begins 27th October.

Themed learning

We had a great time learning about transport last week and we're looking forward to another exciting week of learning about how vehicles are used to carry people and things from one place to another. The children have enjoyed all the songs that we have been singing, including 'The wheels on the bus' and the barefoot book called, 'We All Go Travelling By'. You can find it here.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cSw5oJwoH34

We're also going to be singing 'Up, up, up'. You can find that here: <u>http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LrdoTiER_Jo</u>



Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be doing some collaborative work, creating all kinds of vehicles out of boxes and construction materials. They will be designing the vehicles, and using materials that best suit their purpose. In the 'garage', the children will be learning about various tools and getting their cars registered and serviced.

Communication and Language

Listening to sounds is an important aspect of the children's learning. This week we will be listening carefully to vehicles and identifying them by the sound that they make. We will also be learning the vocabulary of transport, including mechanic, engine, wheels and bonnet. Stories will play an integral part of the session, as we make predictions about what will happen next and discussing what we would do.

Mathematics

This week there will be more emphasis on positional language, such as above, under, on, underneath, etc. As the children build and construct we will be observing how they use this language in their play, and will be encouraging them to extend their knowledge in this area of their learning.

Mandarin

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We are going to talk about various vehicles this week. The kids will learn how to say fire engine, ambulance, police car and school bus in chinese .what different function do these vehicles have? We will learn a new song called "坐汽车" (zuo qiche) and kids have chances to make their own vehicles .

Key words: bus公共汽车(gonggongqiche) fire engine消防车 (xiaofangche) ambulance救护车 (jiuhuche) police car警车(jingche) school bus校车(xiao che)

Dutch

Kleine muis zoekt een nieuwe huis. Zijn eigen holletje is te klein voor zijn grote, rode, sappige appel. Hij gaat bij verschillende holletjes kijken en tussendoor snoept hij van de appel. Geen enkel dier heeft plaats voor muis en zijn appel. Uiteindelijk komt muis uitgeput aan bij zijn eigen huis. Hé, de appel past nu wel in zijn hol! Het verhaal wordt elke dag voorgelezen om zinsconstructies via herhaling in te slijpen. Volgende week gaan we aandacht besteden aan het voorspellen van het verloop van het verhaal. Ook gaan we via memory de klankzuivere uitspraak van de /ui/ oefenen.

Many thanks for your continued support,

The Nursery Team