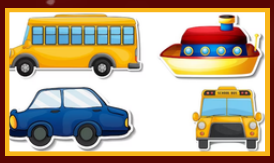
EARLY YEARS CURRICULUM NEWS
SUMMER TERM 1 - 2026
'TICKET TO RIDE'



The topic this term is 'Ticket to Ride' and it is full of fun! As a Holyport learner we will learn about different modes of transport, land, air, sea (over and under!) and also space – our final frontier! We will discuss our own journeys and discover the journeys of different characters in stories.

Enrichment - As a Holyport explorer, we have Healthy lifestyle week to look forward to, packed with exciting events including healthy eating, where we will plant and begin to explore different fruit and vegetables in connection to living a healthy life. Whilst considering our own lifestyles we will also look at the lifecycles of the animals and birds around us, including the care and nurture of some small creatures in class! We will also look at how exercise is important for a healthy body and in PSHE/RSE we will look in detail at how we can keep ourselves healthy by employing good hygiene habits.

Literacy, Communication & Language – As a Holyport reader and writer, we will focus on writing in sentences, and trying to include a capital letter at the start and a full stop at the end! We will use a variety of books and texts to engage children and support writing. The books will cover a range of transport modes, including 'Duck in a Truck' by Jez Alborough to explore rhyming words. 'Mr Gumpy's Motor Car' and 'Mr Gumpy's Outing' by Jon Burningham, learning about dialogue, with the repeated phrase "Can I get in?" Other stories will include 'Katie in London' by James Mayhew, 'The Octonauts' by Meomi, 'Bear on a Bike' by Stella Blackstone, 'Man on the Moon' by Simon Bartram, 'The Night Pirates' by Peter Harris and 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy. However, this is not an exhaustive list and children will be encouraged to bring in their own favourite transport books to share at story time with their friends.

Phonics - In phonics, the Reception children will continue to focus on blending sounds together for reading. We will also be practising the skill of segmenting sound to write 3 and 4 letter words. In writing, we are teaching children to start to put words together to write simple sentences and captions to complement their pictures. This will include captions for our Pirate "Most wanted" posters!

Maths - As Holyport mathematicians, we will continue to follow the White Rose Maths Mastery approach to deepening their knowledge of the composition of number to 10, reinforcing the rapid recall of number facts to 10 with the introduction of Speedy Maths that connects to our Maths mastery approach to mental maths. We will also be discussing numbers beyond 10, recognising, building and continuing numerical patterns. We will work towards building on skills needed for addition and subtraction, adding more and taking away from a quantity. Mrs Harris will also be exploring measuring, including capacity, using water play and practical maths applications in the garden as we care and nurture our plants.

Art and Design - As Holyport artists and creators, we will design and make our very own forms of transport, perhaps even a spaceship! We will also look at the best designs for a boat – that might perhaps turn in to a submarine! As part of our continued gardening and healthy eating ideas, we will create and cook from favourite recipes and make smoothies and ice lollies. We will also design and make a special card for a special person.

Understanding the World - As a Holyport investigator, we will share our own experiences of journeys and travel. We welcome postcards to be sent to school from any family members living or holidaying in other countries. It would be lovely to receive some so that the children can locate the countries on the map and discuss what transport they took to get there.

Physical Development - As Holyport athletes, we will take our P.E learning outside and begin to practise for our Big Toddle, where we will need to follow different instructions and overcome a selection of challenges and obstacles.

Religious Education - As Holyport thinkers we will explore universal values, from a variety of faiths, cultures and world views. These values are important to many faiths and cultures within our school community including those with no faith. Our shared Christian Values are: Friendship, Love and Peace, Trust, Responsibility, Respect, Creativity and Equality. During our assembly, we are also looking at how we can practise our Fantastic Four values of be kind, be safe, be respectful and understanding the one voice principle in listening and talking to others.