EYFS CURRICULUM NEWS
SUMMER TERM 1 2025
'TICKET TO RIDE'



The topic this term is 'Ticket to Ride' and it is full of fun! 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 - This term we have Healthy lifestyle week to look forward to, packed with exciting events like scooter and bike training workshops, creating a class recipe book and our Big Toddle – a sponsored obstacle course event. Look out for more details about the Big Toddle as parents are welcome to attend and cheer your child on as we enjoy a morning of sport.

Literacy, Communication & Language - This term we 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 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers, '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 sounds 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 - In maths, children 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. 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. Selecting and manipulating 2D shapes to create arrangements and compose shape pictures. Copying shape pictures and continuing shape patterns.

Understanding the World - 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 - In PE this term the children will be building up to the annual Big Toddle Charity event, which sees them tackle a variety of different obstacles as they walk around the field until they complete 4 laps, which is half a mile. In PE lessons, children will explore different climbing, jumping and balancing skills.

RE - In RE, we will learn about Shavuot, which takes place at the end of our first Summer term. We will also look at the idea of journeying for special reasons, such as a pilgrimage, in preparation for learning about the annual Islamic pilgrimage to Mecca, called the Hajj, which is scheduled to take place in early June.

Art & Design - We will design and create 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. To extend our knowledge of 2D shapes and design we will create designs for different forms of transport.