

### WHAT A WAY TO GO



Welcome back to the second part of the term, we hope you all had a good holiday. The children in the Reception Class had a very successful first half term of the year, during which they settled into their new routines and made new friends. The topic this half term is called 'What a Way to Go!'

#### Communication Language & Literacy (CLL)

This half term our books are: The Naughty Bus, We're Going on A bear Hunt, Leaf Man and Elf on the Shelf



#### Monster Phonics

We are starting our Monster Phonics scheme this term. The children will learn 3-4 sounds per week and take part in segmenting and blending games. Your child is learning the sounds that these letters make. This will help them to read and spell as early as possible. Encourage your child to look out for these words in the environment. This terms sounds are:

s a t p i n m d g o  
c k c k e u r h b

#### Maths (MD)

This half term we will concentrate on:

- Shapes in world flags
- Counting up and counting down from a given number (more and less)
- Estimating and predicting
- Data handling and pictograms
- Number ordering
- Numbers on vehicles
- Directional and positional language
- Order by weight and capacity
- Counting and combining with autumn objects.

#### Understanding of the World (UW)

This half term we will concentrate on:

- Journeys
- Transport
- Holidays
- Different modes of transport
- Seasonal focus: Autumn, Bonfire Night, Diwali, Remembrance Sunday, Christmas
- How they travel to school and the things they see
- Family holidays/heritage/tradition/customs
- World Flags

#### Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)

- Circle Time is every Monday morning.

#### Physical Development (PD)

Please assist us by working with your child on: **Gross Motor:** zips, laces and buttons,



Jigsaw PSHE, the Equality Act and Protected Characteristics

We follow the Jigsaw Mindful Approach

dressing and undressing.

**Fine motor:** scissor work, name writing, threading, play dough making.

**PE:** This term the PE topic is dance

*Conker: PE is on Tuesday Morning*

*Acorn: PE on Tuesday afternoon*

**PLEASE PUT YOUR CHILDS NAME ON ALL ITEMS**

## Parent Consultations

By now, most of you would have received a copy of your child's learning map. Your child will be assessed in their play every 10 weeks and a new map will be created and sent home. This is just one of the many ways we assess and teach them, Please note, you will receive a phone call after each learning map is sent home to discuss the map and your child's progress.

## Expressive Arts & Design (EAD)

Some of the activities and techniques we will explore are:

- Junk modelling
- Making Christmas cards
- Designing maps
- Art with natural materials
- Colour collage
- Please continue to encourage your child to free draw and colour.

## Everything else

Whilst the children will not have a Christmas trip this year, we are arranging a Zoom Panto experience for them

**SOS we need:** paper plates, toilet rolls, cotton wool, Christmas cards, junk for junk modelling

**Spare clothes:** trousers and leggings in 4-5, 5-6 years. We also need old wellies for our school welly rack.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions there are a number of exciting activities and provisions we sadly cannot offer children at this time. Please, where possible, encourage your child to:

- Make and use playdough and salt dough
- Dress up in creative costumes
- Cook different recipes
- Sensory play such as shaving foam, cornflour, clay modelling, paper mache,

Warmest regards and festive happiness

Conker and Acorn