

Our next topic is...

Explorers

This topic is all about exploring and adventures! We will spend time looking at different vehicles, maps, places nearby and places far away! We will finish the topic looking at China and Chinese New Year. 😊

Milestone

Each topic includes a "Milestone Moment" that the children will experience. This topic we are squeezing in two Milestone Moments!! The first Milestone Moment (week 1) links with the school value of Friendship and we will be collaborating to create large construction and junk model vehicles to go on an imaginary journey together! The second Milestone Moment (week 7) links with the school value of Respect and we will be holding a Chinese banquet!

These Prime Areas (below) are fundamental to all we do. They will continue to be a priority each day through structured and incidental interactions. **Please can you help us at home by helping your child learn how to put on their own shoes, socks and coats!**

Communication and Language

1. Listening, attention and Understanding, 2. Speaking

Personal, Social and Emotional

Development

3. Self-regulation, 4. Managing self, 5. Building relationships

Physical Development

6. Gross Motor skills, 7. Fine motor skills

Literacy

8. Comprehension
9. Word reading
10. Writing

We have bought some fantastic new books for this topic, such as:

- Mrs Armtiage Transport series
- Tony Mitton's Amazing Machines series
- Around the World We Go
- My World, Your World
 - Cleversticks
 - The Great Race

Mathematics

11. Number
12. Numerical patterns

The reception children will be looking at the composition of numbers 6-10. They will be representing these numbers in a variety of ways, adding, making pairs, looking at odd/even numbers. They will also spend time measuring length, height, and time.

The Nursery children will be focussing on numbers 1-3 and

Understanding the World

13. Past and Present
14. People, Culture and Communities
15. The Natural World

We will be looking at a wide range of vehicles from the past and present. The reception children will be finding out about the historical figure Emelia Earhart. We will be looking at maps and making our own maps. We will be looking at similarities and differences between life in different places. We will continue developing positive

Expressive arts and design

16. Creating with materials
17. Being imaginative and expressive

We will be creating 3D vehicles using junk modelling materials and construction materials. We will be playing in our bus station and café role plays. We will be creating lots of Chinese New Year art! As always, we will be singing lots too - including these topical songs (below)!

<p>We will be talking, drawing and writing around these books.</p> <p>We have also set up a fantastic new Reading Den inside our classroom!</p>	<p>counting principles. They will be playing games with dice and numicon to recognise quantities and match to the correct numeral. They will also spend time exploring 2D shapes.</p>	<p>attitudes about the differences between people and how special times are celebrated in different ways - focussing on Chinese New Year.</p>	
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Key Vocabulary

Train, car, lorry, digger, boat, aeroplane, tractor, rocket, submarine, fire engine, bike, old, new, past, present, compare, place, country, map, buildings - houses/churches/shops, landmarks, China, New Year, celebration, country, black tiger, lantern, dragon, noodles, chopsticks, fortune cookie, tradition, language, animals of Chinese Zodiac

Memos

- Please can you send in a couple of photos from your families past from before your child was born? (It could be a photo of your wedding day, you as a child, a grandparent, great-grandparent, great-great grandparent!) They will help enrich our discussions when we come to talking about the past. (Feel free to add on Tapestry or ask us to run through our photocopier!)
- Please send in any empty boxes, tubes and bottle tops for our junk modelling supplies!
- Forest School continues to be on a Tuesday morning, please send children dressed for the Winter weather! We will help them change afterwards.
- PE for this term only will be on a TUESDAY AFTERNOON! (Children can come with PE clothes under their waterproofs or we can help them change into their PE clothes after Forest School). This is because we have a PE specialist teacher on a Tuesday afternoon and it is our turn to benefit from her expertise! Our PE this half term is gymnastics! 😊
- We will soon be uploading some curriculum videos for the Reception parents to give you more details about our Phonics, Reading and Maths. More details coming soon!

Topical Songs

The Wheels on the Bus https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MWAza0_JMHo
 Twinkle, Twinkle Chocolate Bar <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iqim2UQ3SVc>
 The Journey Home from Grandpa's https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wKcrsv_t8Ko
 Row, Row, Row Your Boat <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rafox-9P3r8>