

Term 4:

We will be starting the term with a whole school Science week, which will include lots of practical activities and experiments - all encouraging the children to ask "I wonder why/how..."

As Space has been such a hit we will incorporate this into our new topic of 'Wheels, wings and other things' which looks at transport and making things move. Please see the attached overview for more details.

Show and Tell:

The children are loving Show and Tell, gaining more confidence to speak about their items and showing a real pride in sharing with their friends. This will continue to be on Tuesdays. A polite reminder to link the show and tell to the topic - anything to do with science, transport, or moving things this term please.

Home School books:

I hope you are finding the home school books useful, to see what we have been learning in school. I will be collecting them in over the holiday to add any of your comments to the assessments I make, as this really helps me to have a more rounded picture of each child's ability and interests.

Please do put a comment each week about what your child has been talking about at home, or any of those 'Wow!' moments where your child shows you they can do something new.

Foundation

Mrs Ball and Mrs Dann

Reading books:

Another plea to please make sure the guided reading books come into school each day so we can collect them in when we hear the group read. Please don't put these back in the main shelves if you change the other books with your child as this makes it trickier to keep the sets together and have enough copies for everyone in the group.

Please remember to write in your child's reading record at least twice a week so we can see how they are getting on at home. This can be their school books and also books that you share, as the children can gain so much from talking about stories and non fiction texts which they are not yet able to read themselves, and comprehension is just as important as the skill of decoding and reading the words - the children need to show a good understanding of what they have read and stories they have listened to.

Science week cooking:

We will be cooking with all of Foundation and Year 1 on the afternoon of Wednesday 22nd February. If you are able to help, please let us know. Thank you.

Forest School

Forest School will continue to be on Thursday afternoons, with Mrs Rudd, and it will re-start on **Thursday 23rd February**. Please remember to send in hats/scarves/gloves during the colder weather so that the children are able to enjoy Forest School in any weather.

Helpers wanted!

We really do need two parent volunteers to help with Forest School every week, so if you are able to help please sign up on the sheet in the class. There are lots of activities we would like to do with the children that we are unable to do if we do not have two helpers. A big thank you to those of you who have helped so far with this.

Parent teacher interviews:

Please make sure you have responded to the office with your preference for meeting times. I look forward to seeing you all to share all of the lovely learning your child has been doing and talk about their 'next steps'.

PE:

Rugby will continue to be on Fridays with the Rugby Tots coaches. We have really enjoyed learning new skills so far, and look forward to practising throwing and catching a bit more next term.

We will also do PE on a Wednesday, where we will be going on to gymnastics.

Please make sure the children have their PE kit in school on these days.

Topic Overview: Foundation
Wheels, wings and other things

Classroom Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Garage outside ✓ Rotate through train station, bus station, airport 	Educational Visits	The Lookout Discovery Centre
Wow Factor Launch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Visit to the Lookout Discovery Centre 	Key Texts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 'The Train Ride' Julia Crebbin ✓ Wheels, wings and other things ✓ 'Q Pootle 5' Nick Butterworth
Outcomes /Open Day Focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Vehicle exhibition ✓ Writing labels for vehicles 	Home links - activities parents can do to support...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Go on a bus or a train! ✓ Talk about how things move
Communication and Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Talk about journeys ✓ Make up stories in play ✓ Talk about own experiences ✓ Take turns in conversations, listening to others 	Personal Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Taking turns ✓ Talking about own abilities ✓ Sharing resources ✓ Talking about own likes and interests.
Physical development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Life Education Bus - visitor to school to talk about staying safe and healthy ✓ Letter formation ✓ Mazes -Link to making routes for cars, trains 	Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Ordering numbers to 20 ✓ Take away problems ✓ Comparing distance ✓ Time - how long to travel to different places
Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Writing simple sentences ✓ Making class story book about a journey ✓ Reading fiction and non fiction ✓ Taking about stories - beginning, middle and end 	Expressive art and design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Designing and making vehicles - joining materials so they can move ✓ Paper aeroplanes ✓ Vehicle sounds
Understanding the world	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Looking at the local area - making a map ✓ Finding out about transport in the past ✓ Finding out about different types of transport ✓ Easter ✓ Science week - exploring and investigating. 		