

Acorn Class Newsletter



Meet Travelling Ted!



Acorn class have continued to work hard this term and together we have been focussing on our school values, in particular kindness, respect, flourishing and perseverance. We have been working hard on our reading and writing and if you got chance to look at the children's writing books during parents evening, I think you'll agree how much they have achieved this term. Well done Acorn class, we are all very proud of you!

Curriculum information



Please do add things to your child's portfolio as the children really enjoy sharing this with the staff and their friends in school. Maybe a little video of them reading at home!



Our topic in term 5 is 'Journeys'



In **Understanding of the World**, we will be starting this term by looking at the variety of countries we have already visited on our holidays. If you have any postcards, photos or souvenirs from previous holidays we would love for you to share these on DOJO so we can discuss them with your children. Each week our class bear 'Ted' will travel to different places within the UK or around the world. We will see what he decides to pack in his suitcases and how he travels to the destination. We will be learning about the different ways of travelling, showing how we can travel around the world and where places are situated in the world.

In **Literacy**, we will continue to develop our Phonic knowledge by recapping Phase 3 sounds and moving on to Phase 4. We have some wonderful stories to share with the children to stimulate discussion, story telling and opportunities to have a go at writing labels, captions and sentences. Our big focus this term will be to write independently using their phonic skills and so their writing can be read by others. We will expect correct letter formation to be used too.

In **maths** this term, we will be continuing to master a secure understanding of numbers to 10 and beyond. We will develop our addition skills through number bonds and adding two whole numbers to make a total. Also move on to subtraction. We will be helping the children to develop their mental maths skills and fluency. Please do log in and help the children to practise on NUMBOTS. The login was given out at parents evening.

In **Expressive, Art and Design**, the children will be exploring the instruments and following a musical pattern.

Key Questions this term:

- How do we travel to different places?
- Where in the world do we live?
- How do we travel to school?
- Where in the country have we travelled to?
- Where in the world have we travelled to?
- Where in the world would you like to go?
- How would you travel there?
- What would you need to pack?

This term we hope to take the children on a real journey out of school on another school trip to Curly's farm. Further information to follow.

Reading

This term we will continue to use phonetically decodable reading books matched to the children's phonic ability based on this term's assessment. You will notice that the number of words on a page increases and we now like the children to try and read the whole sentence back with increased fluency. Knowing the tricky words really helps this skill too. Tricky words will continue to be changed weekly but will be on various days so please keep them in your child's book bag.

Please remember to sign your child's book when you have read with them as we will do monitor the reading at home. Aim to read with your child 3 times. All children must bring in a bag so the reading book can be sent home.

Donations

We continue to develop our outside area so if you are able to source cable reels, pallets, logs, wood, tyres or piping then please do get in touch!

Has anyone got any old suitcases that they do not need anymore?

Clothing

Please ensure all clothing is labelled with your child's name; especially jumpers and cardigans. As the weather warms up they will be taking them off more. Sun hats may now be needed on some days and please ensure your child has a water bottle in school.

P.E is on Tuesday

Please could you ensure your child comes to school in appropriate P.E kit on this day. This should include white t-shirt, dark shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms. Please remove earrings on these days.

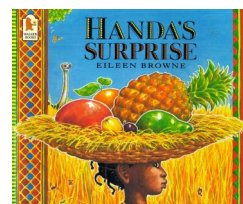
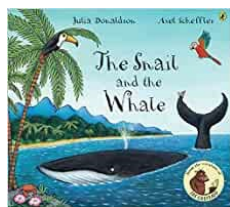
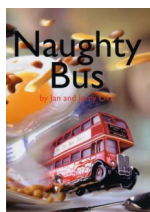
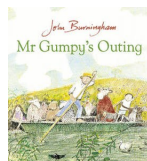
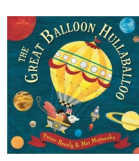
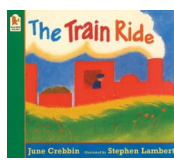
Reception Knowledge Organiser

This term our theme will be 'Journeys' We have selected this theme to give the children the opportunity to explore their local area and learn about different places around the world.



Does anybody have any links/ contacts with any of the local transport services—Are their any bus drivers or train drivers out there?

In the next few weeks, we are going to be learning about different places around the world and ways to travel. We are looking forward to reading new stories, such as...



Also lots of Non-fiction texts and maps

Good links to explore our theme

Go Jettors <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/m0007z03/go-jettors>

Paddington <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000csnj/paddington-2>

Key Vocabulary this term

Communication and Language is a priority area in Early Years and we encourage you to take every opportunity to engage in dialogue with your child.

Our Key topic words are:

Travel
Journey
Vehicle
Transport
Map
Country
World
Ocean
Distance

Ideas for home learning this term:

Go on a journey with your family—Head to the train station, buy a ticket and enjoy a journey. Don't forget to share on DOJO!

Can you create a vehicle from junk modelling or your Lego at home?

Watch Go Jettors and learn about lots of different countries.

Write a postcard from a place you have visited.

Make a ramp and race your toy vehicles. Measure the distance using a tape measure. Which car came first, second and third?

Look at a map of the world and learn the names of different countries and their flags.

Please post any extra home learning on DOJO so we can share with your friends and reward with a special sticker.

Memories

