



Acorn Class Newsletter

Meet
Travelling Ted!

Welcome to term 5 !

Another busy term but lots of exciting things to look forward to also!

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 suitcase 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.

In **Expressive, Art and Design**, the children will be exploring the instruments and following a musical pattern. Then beginning to create their own music!

Key Questions this term:

How do people travel ?

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?

Good links to explore our theme

Go Jettters

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/m0007z03/go-jettters>

Cate's amazing machines

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/p06m8m6y/caties-amazing-machines>

Reading

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

Please continue to read with your child at home and sign the yellow contact book. All children must bring in a bag so the reading book can be sent home.

Balance Bike Course

Just a reminder that on Tuesday 28th April we have our balance bike course.

All children will need a signed consent form to take part in this activity.
Please let us know if you need support with this.



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. Sun cream should be applied before school when needed.

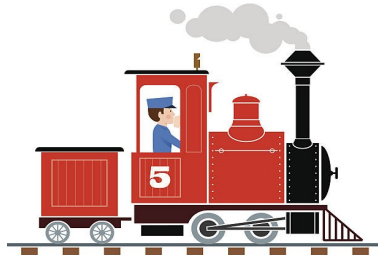
P.E is on Tuesday

Please 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 and appropriate footwear.

Please remove/cover earrings

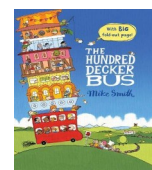
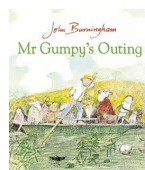
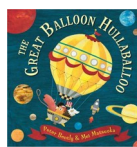
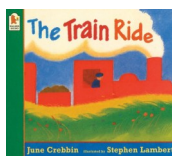
Reception Knowledge Organiser

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.

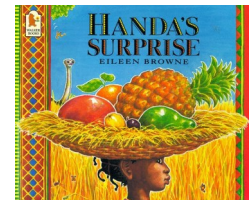
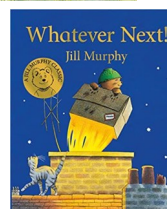
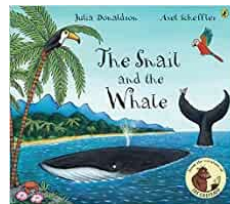
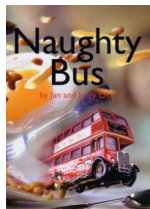


Does anybody have any links/ contacts with any of the local transport services—Are there any bus drivers or train drivers out there?

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



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.

Some of our key words in this topic are...



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 Jetters 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.